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# Annual Report

Town of

# HADLEY

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# **Annual Report**

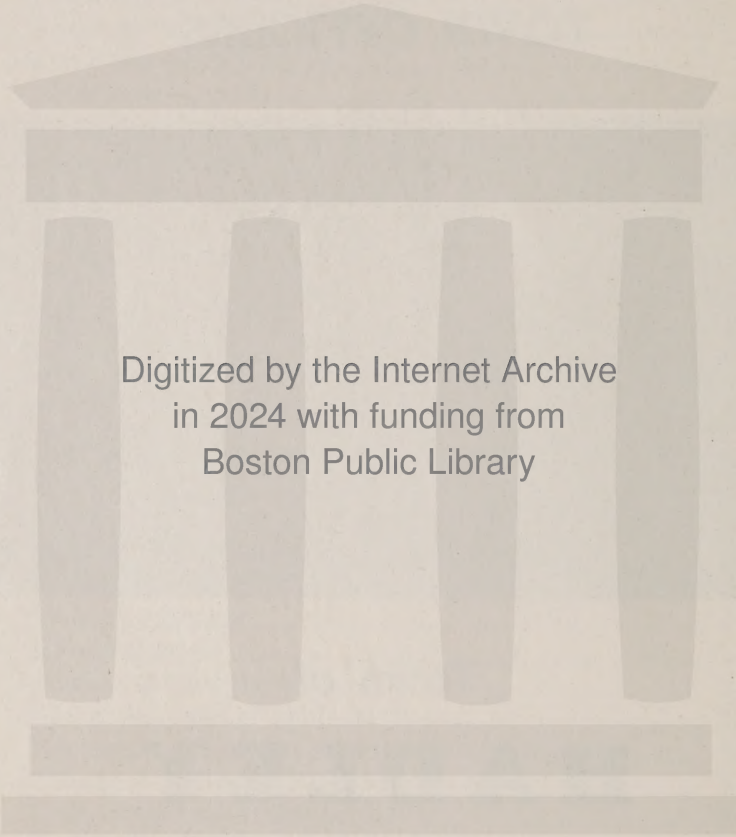
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**TOWN OFFICERS**



Town of  
**HADLEY**

for the  
**Year Ending December 31, 1951**

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# **Town Officers**

## **1951-1952**

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### **Moderator**

John R. Callahan, Jr.

### **Finance Committee**

(Appointed by Moderator)

Donald W. Hazen, 1953      Ernest W. Hibbard, 1954  
Joseph F. Kokoski, 1952

### **Administrative**

Selectmen

William Chmura, 1953      Frank C. Reynolds, 1954  
Edward J. Jekanoski, 1952

### **Treasurer**

Frank H. Pelissier, 1953

### **Town Clerk**

Frank H. Pelissier, 1953

### **Tax Collector**

Frank H. Pelissier, 1952

### **Board of Assessors**

John E. Devine, 1953      Warren F. Cook, 1954  
Edward Gnatek, 1952

### **School Committee**

John T. Martula, 1953      Edwin M. Podolak, 1954  
R. Donald Shipman, 1952

**School Superintendent**  
(Appointed by School Committee)  
Robert F. Savitt

**School Physician**  
Maurice T. Kennedy

**School Nurse**  
Marian Holmes, R.N.

**Library Trustees**  
James L. Huntington, 1952      Jane R. Pierce, 1954  
Marion R. Waters, 1954      William H. Murphy, 1953  
Mabelle Taylor 1952      Florence M. Burke, 1953

**Board of Public Welfare**  
(The Board of Selectmen)  
Social Worker Daniel P. Sullivan (Civil Service)  
Old Age Assistance  
Aid Dependent Children  
General Welfare

**Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent**  
Joseph Zatyorka

**Elector Under Oliver Smith Will**  
Joseph F. Kokoski

**Constables**  
Tony Gesiorek    John H. Kowal    John J. Waskiewicz  
Michael Martula    Joseph Drozdal    Frank Uszynski

**Police Officers Under Civil Service Tenure**  
John H. Kowal      Joseph S. Wanczyk  
Edward J. Jekanoski      Edward Hannigan  
(Inactive)      (Retires 1952)



## **Officers Appointed by the Selectmen**

### **Chief of Police**

Tony Gesiorek

### **Superintendent of Streets**

Joseph Zatyrrka

### **School Traffic Officer**

Stanley Uchneat    Joseph W. Drozdal    John H. Kowal

### **Fire Chief**

Edward G. Waskiewicz

### **Deputy Chiefs**

Alden R. McQueston

Frank L. Uszynski

### **Sealer Weights and Measures**

Chester Wzorek

### **Registrars of Voters**

Ralph H. Smith

Bernet L. Waskiewicz

John S. Kelley, Jr.

### **Town Accountant**

Chester Gronostalski

### **Veterans Agent**

Charles J. Szafir

### **Cemetery Committee**

F. C. Reynolds    Ralph C. Hibbard    George W. Bristol

Arthur T. Conant

Oscar Johnson

### **Dog Officer**

Tony Gesiorek

**Building Inspector**

Roger C. Barstow

**Electrical Inspector**

Chester Storozuk

**Planning Board**

Norman O. Allard

Chester Kulikowski

J. Marcus Dwyer

John S. Mish, Jr.

R. C. Barstow

**Town Hall Custodian**

Florian Ziemba  
(resigned)

Joseph J. Waskiewicz

**Public Weighers**

John S. Mish, Jr.

John J. Waskiewicz

John Russell

Edward Huckowicz

**Civilian Defense Counsel**

Charles J. Szafr, Director

George O'Hara

Vernon Stiles

Elmar Gardner

**Board of Health**

E. J. Jekanoski

William Chmura

F. C. Reynolds

**Officer Appointed of Health**

John Mannlich, Jr.

(Amherst and Hadley Health Union Sanitarian  
and Agent)

**Milk Inspector**

Otto L. Manndrich

**Meat Inspector**

Roger E. West

**Animal Inspector**

Roger E. West



# Hadley Town Warrant

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Hampshire, ss :

To the Constables of the Town of Hadley, in the County  
of Hampshire: GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabi-  
tants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in  
Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall on Monday the  
11th day of February 1952 at ten-thirty in the forenoon,  
then and there act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect all necessary officers of the Town.

Moderator .....	one year
One Selectman.....	three years
One Assessor .....	three years
Tax Collector .....	three years
One Member of the School Committee .....	three years
Two Library Trustees .....	three years
Elector under Oliver Smith Will .....	one year
Six Constables .....	one year

The Polls will be open at ten-thirty in the forenoon and  
kept open at least for four hours or for such time as the  
majority of the voters shall direct, but in no case later  
than eight o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Se-  
lectmen to sell and convey by proper deeds in the name  
of the Town any land owned by the Town or act any-  
thing thereon. *Voted*

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will authorize the  
Selectmen to defend all suits that may be brought against *Voted*

the Town, employing counsel when same may be needed or act anything thereon.

Voted  
ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st 1952 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the General Laws Chapter 44 Section 17, or take action thereon.

Voted  
ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell after first giving notice of sale, in some convenient place in Town, fourteen days at least before sale of property taken by the Town under tax title procedure provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such Public Auction, may reject any bid which they may deem inadequate or take action thereon.

Voted  
ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the State under the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500.00) the State's share of the expense, in anticipation of reimbursement under this chapter, such sums to be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Fund, the State's share to be returned to the Excess and Deficiency Fund when received or take action thereon.

Voted  
ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County of Hampshire and the State of Massachusetts under the provision of Chapter 90 of the General Laws of Massachusetts and



to vote to appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) the Town's share of the expense and to vote to appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) the State and County's share of the expense for reconstruction of portions of Route 47, Scott's Bridge to North Hadley Post Office and on other sections of Route 47, in anticipation of reimbursement under this chapter, such sums to be taken from the excess and Deficiency Fund, the State and County's share to be returned to the Excess and Deficiency Fund when received or take action thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County of Hampshire and the State of Massachusetts for maintenance of Route 47, under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws of Massachusetts and to appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) the Town's share of the expense and to appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred (\$1600.00) the State and County's share in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of this chapter, the Town's share to be raised by taxation and that State and County's share to be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Fund and returned to the Excess and Deficiency Fund when received from the State and County or take action thereon.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the current expenses of the current financial year and to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officials of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws as amended: Moderator; Selectmen; Treasurer; Town Clerk; Tax Collector; Assessors; Constables; Board of Health; Board of Welfare; and Elector under the Oliver Smith Will or take action thereon.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of providing materials and expenses incurred in conducting the Civilian Defense program for 1952 or take action thereon.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a new heating system for the first floor of the Town Hall building or take action thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund a sum of money for the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department or take action thereon.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the purpose of providing uniforms for the Hadley Schools Band or take action thereon. *my own*

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) from the Excess and Deficiency Fund for repairs to the Cemetery fence at North Hadley, this amount having been received from an Automobile Insurance Company for damages caused by a car or take action thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the purpose of draining out the Meadow Street area now flooded by spring thaws, a pipe line to be laid from the area to the grass meadow ditch or take action thereon.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) to clean out the ditch that runs from the Pine Hill Road south westerly towards the Connecticut River.



*vest fund under board*  
ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to procure a new dumping site for the Town or take action thereon.

*✓ 1st*  
ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen hundred dollars (\$1,700.00) for the purpose of painting the exterior of Hopkins Gymnasium, the exterior of the Hopkins Vocational Household Arts Cottage, and for covering the area over the Hopkins Gymnasium dressing rooms with a gravel roof or take action thereon.

*✓ 2nd*  
ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate and study the provisions of Chapter 662, Acts of 1949, relative to the organization of union health departments, and to determine the desirability of Town joining with one or more of surrounding towns to form a union health department; said committee to report its findings to the next annual town meeting or take action thereon.

*✓ 3rd*  
ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote the following By-law: No person shall install a septic tank or other means of sewage disposal without written permission of the Board of Health, said permission will be granted only after inspection and approval by the Sanitarian of the Board of Health or take action thereon.

*✓ 4th*  
ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint a school building committee of five (5) to draw up preliminary plans for a secondary school building to be located in Hadley and to present these plans for approval before the town at the first practical moment, and that a sum of money be raised and appropriated for the use of this committee, provided that no portion of this money be expended until such time as state aid for school construction under Chapter 645 of the General Laws of 1948 as amended,

is assured for such a secondard school in Hadley or take action thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see ifthe Town will vote to increase the School Committee from three members to five members, according to the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 2, of the General Laws of Massachusetts, at the annual meeting in 1953, to elect one member for three years, one for two years, and one for on eyear, and thereafter as the terms expire to elect the members for three years or take action thereon.

ARTICLE 23. Will the Town vote that those who represent us in the Congress of the United States be instructed to bend every possible effort to place in effect the unenacted recommendations of the Hoover Report.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town of Hadley will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 820 of the Acts of 1950, entitled "An act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them."

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town of Hadley will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 781 of the Acts of 1951, entitled "An act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees."

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the usual places: one at the Hadley Post Office; one at the Town Hall; one at the store of Rudolph F. Hahn in North Hadley, all in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of January in the Year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty two and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and seventy-seventh.

FRANK G. REYNOLDS

EDWARD J. JEKANOSKI

WILLIAM CHMURA

SELECTMEN OF HADLEY



## Finance Committee

Object of Appropriation	Approp.	Extra. Approp.	Expended	Balances	Request
Moderator	25.00		25.00		25.00
Selectmen					
1 at \$1,000.00					
2 at 500.00					
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Accountant	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,200.00
Treasurer	950.00	125.00	1,074.90	.10	1,250.00
Tax Collector	1,530.00		1,514.00	16.00	1,975.00
Assessors, Ch. Bd. \$1.50 hr.	1,950.00		1,903.78	46.22	2,150.00
2 at \$1.25 hr.	2,350.00		1,893.41	456.59	2,350.00
License Board	100.00		100.00		100.00
Law	250.00		205.00	45.00	250.00
Town Clerk	1,165.00		1,121.32	43.68	1,230.00
Election & Registration	1,000.00		983.15	16.85	1,600.00
Town Hall	1,400.00	200.00	1,541.60	58.40	1,600.00
Police	2,100.00		2,023.48	76.52	2,500.00
Fire	2,200.00		2,180.20	19.80	2,200.00
Planning Board	400.00		387.50	12.50	400.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	350.00		350.00		350.00

Dikes	500.00	448.85	51.15	550.00
Forestry	1,200.00	1,472.56	27.44	1,500.00
Moth Extermination	800.00	503.20	296.80	800.00
Tree Spraying	600.00	441.30	158.70	600.00
Public Health	2,000.00	1,811.32	188.68	2,000.00
Highways (general)	8,000.00	6,952.68	1,047.32	8,000.00
Highways (Chap. 90)	12,000.00	12,000.00		12,000.00
Highways (Chap. 90)	2,400.00	2,400.00		2,400.00
Highways (Chap. 81)	24,000.00	2,400.00		24,000.00
Road Machinery Account	7,000.00	6,897.21	102.79	7,000.00
Bridges	300.00	204.11	95.89	300.00
Street Lighting	3,800.00	3,769.33	30.67	3,850.00
Ditches	750.00	598.99	151.01	750.00
Civilian Defense	1,400.00	1,204.06	195.94	1,400.00
Chain Saw, Rd. Sweeper	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Repair of Hopkins Bldg.	10,000.00	3,755.74		
Repair of Hooker Bldg.	1,200.00	1,200.00		
Purchase Bldg Hwy Dept.	8,000.00	8,000.00		
Purchase Truck Hwy Dept.	1,000.00	995.00	5.00	
Reopen Ditch to Coleman's Brook	250.00	17.35	232.65	
Hopkins Lighting	445.00	445.00		
Sidewalk Maintenance	1,500.00	1,470.15	29.85	1,500.00
Welfare	5,500.00	4,587.09	912.91	5,500.00

A.D.C., Local	2,000.00	1,200.00	2,355.10	844.90	3,000.00
A.D.C. Federal Admins.					
Aid to Dependent Children, Local					
Old Age Assistance	7,500.00	2,500.00	8,908.06	1,091.94	10,000.00
Federal Old Age Assistance					
Federal Old Age Assistance, Administration					
Veteran's Services	2,500.00		1,713.69	786.31	2,500.00
Schools (general)	100,435.00	127.90	100,561.32	1.58	111,377.40
School Lunch	1,000.00	14,900.100	14,698.96	1,201.14	
School, Federal grant					
Industrial Schools	3,100.00		2,269.73	830.27	2,500.00
Maturing Debt, School	10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00
		Inv. f.	150.15		
Libraries & Income	2,400.00	D.F.	462.28	8.23	2,200.00
Previous Year Unpaid Bills	332.20		332.21	(.01)	
Memorial Day	225.00		225.00		200.00
Town Reports	528.79		528.79		
Interest	1,300.00		1,300.00		1,170.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,200.00		1,150.63	49.37	1,300.00
Veteran's Headquarters	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
Cemeteries	1,500.00		1,822.50	15.00	1,600.00
Reserve Fund	4,000.00	Inv. f.	337.50		
Hydrants	750.00		2,367.51	1,632.44	4,000.00
			750.00		750.00



Dutch Elm Disease	1,200.00	750.00	1,829.36	120.64	2,000.00
Hampshire County Retir.	971.60		971.60		738.95
Regional School Planning Board	200.00			200.00	
Water Hole—Hockanum	500.00			500.00	
Repairs to Highway Garage	893.43		266.00	627.43	
Plainville Cemetery Repairs	150.00		24.20	125.80	
Kuzmeski Water Hole	150.00		89.10	60.90	
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	257,251.02	21,052.93	259,645.24	18,658.22	

Approved :

ERNEST HIBBARD

JOSEPH KOKOSKI

DONALD HAZEN

Finance Committee

# Selectmen's Report

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## THE SELECTMEN SUBMIT THEIR REPORTS

The Board of Selectmen organized the day after Town Meeting with F. C. Reynolds continuing as Chairman, William Chmura, Clerk and Edward Jekanoski, third member. Meetings were held every Monday night from 7:30 p.m. until business was disposed of—often until 11:30. When a holiday fell on Monday, Tuesday was used as a meeting day.

## LISTING A FEW INCIDENTS OF 1951 —

The work of the Chairman has increased to a large extent, even more so than during the war years, there appear to be many more persons of importance who seek out the head of the Board for information or in the case of various State officers never asking for appointments but appear at any time. Mail has been heavy, lot of time spent keeping up with it.

Many hearings have been held regarding licenses, for violations, new locations, applications, etc.

The budget for 1952 is not padded and except for minor increases will not vary to any extent. No attempt was made to expend all of the funds simply because money was left over, not that we didn't have ideas.

There continues to be a large number of citizens who have no idea as to how town governments actually have to function and what restrictions are placed on their actions, especially in regard to expenditures. Some where along the line, perhaps in high school, there is a gap that could be filled by a few days on town or city government. No Civics were taught when I was in school. If what is taught now takes effect, or really sinks in, I don't know; but I have been amazed by the questions which have been asked this year. Within a week of Town Meeting the Selectmen have been asked to construct water holes, extend sidewalks, install street lights.

The old saying, the "Town has a lot of money" and "you can if you want to" still seems to hold to the high school graduate as well as the naturalized immigrant. Every year a new crop of laws come into effect that have to be complied with, that certainly make it so

that one is never quite sure unless you have the latest copy of acts and resolves of the last legislature.

The Selectmen have no part in the draft law operation, and any help from them would consist of affidavits prior to classification and not after. It is not unusual to have frantic parents on the eve of induction, when all the limits of appeal have run out, demand—Save my son, “you can if you want to.” When you think of the fact that the draft has been in use since 1941 here, that the routine would be better known. It is amazing how many years people can live in America, and how little they gain in knowledge.

### RUSSEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The Mass. Dept. of Public Works made major changes to route 9, where it passes through the center of the town. This was a tremendous improvement over the previous situation. We receive great benefit from the improved drainage installation, but lose out on the hazards of traffic, which zooms along on the four lane section. One of the more dangerous spots is the Post Office location. So far, the public through caution, has avoided crashes there. We hope they continue to do so.

Especially important was the drainage pipe installed nearby the Legion home. This came about through pressure exerted by County Commissioner Callahan, Representative Fletcher Smith, the Selectmen and the American Legion. After a few conferences arranged by Rep. Smith with the Selectmen and Engineers of the Mass. Dept. of Public Works and Supt. Zatyorka, a plan was worked out, whereby the drain pipe was located through fields to a Town ditch. This required easements and co-operation of the owners of the land. No one was much opposed to the idea, but considerable deviation was necessary from the original plan of the State engineers.

This system involved the expenditure of more than \$15,000, in order that this system might function. The Selectmen had to agree to lower the Middle St. culverts and also the ditch that the pipe line empties into. We have been trying for years to have the State drain the area blocked by inadequate culverts under the road, near the Legion building. Nothing would have been done this year if the Legion home had not been so situated.

### ELECTRIC POWER

Last winter following the ice storm which darkened Hadley for days, an open meeting was held at the Town Hall, where towns-



people, officials of both the town and the electric power company were present. Judge Jekanoski presided; all parties who had gripes were allowed to air them, and the company officials had an opportunity to reply. Definite conclusions were reached. The trees appeared to be the main cause of breakage of the wires.

The power company had a survey made by an expert and hundreds of trees were tagged. The most dangerous ones have been removed or the weakest limbs were cut off. While the program must continue for some time, certain results have been achieved by work already done, and we expect that less trouble will be caused by the trees from now on.

Voltage regulators are being installed on Russell St., east of the R.R. crossing, and in the works are additional feeder lines to come down River Drive, to Rocky Hill and thence down East St. to Hartsbrook and Hockanum. This will improve the power supply in that area. To expedite this, a large number of trees on East St. have been removed, and one section of poles re-located to the other side of the street to avoid cutting more.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Selectmen have been pleased with the good work done by this department the past year. Several tough fires were handled in an expert manner. We still feel that it is bad judgment to keep in operation the older truck which is 26 years old, often operated by men younger than it is. Everything on the truck is obsolete from the gear shift to the old style high wooden wheels. Still at times it has proved of value in carrying equipment to the scene of a fire. The catch is that it is often driven at a fairly high speed by men not accustomed to its weak points. We do not have this truck covered by insurance, another hazard.

The Town needs a tank truck of at least 1,000 gals. capacity for grass fires, forest fires and for the area not served by water mains. Insurance agents tell us that the insurance premiums in the northern area of the Town could be reduced by a percentage.

Selectman Chmura contacted Rep. Fletcher Smith about the continued erosion in what is left of Fort Meadow, and he visited the Division of Waterways, Mass. Public Works, who agreed to send up engineers who might conduct a survey and make recommendations. Two engineers arrived in Town one summer day and contacted another Selectman, looked over the situation, took a lot of pictures, and nothing has been heard of them since. Almost all the engineers coming here look over the situation and say this is a job for Congress alone.

The untold tons of this rich valley soil being washed out and down the river are filling up the channels, building new sand bars and making future flood damage a certainty. The next time the Connecticut River is on a rampage, very severe erosion at the end of Middle Street near the Kowal residence makes that location on borrowed time.

## ROAD IMPROVEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 81

Major improvements under Chapter 81 — South Maple Street has been widened and rebuilt with the exception of the asphalt binder which will be done in 1952. This strip from junction with East Hadley Road, (Joe Cook's to Bay Road), has been needing this overhauling for some time, and as long as it is now an important school bus road could not be put off further. Mr. E. C. West and sons cheerfully re-located a long section of pasture fence which was made necessary by the job.

Stockwell Road, a one car road, has been partially completed. In this case a petition to the County Commission was necessary. They visited the location and held a hearing of all interested parties. Drainage has been disrupted on this road for some time. Attempts will be made to solve it. Maintenance of other roads has been kept up with considerable surface treatment utilizing crushed stone instead of gravel for a binder.

Treated sand has been used on icy roads during the winter, so that travel is not hindered.

## CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Middle Street was completed from the R.R. to the library, most notable feature was the complete re-vamping of the lawn area between road and sidewalk, which was a transformation from ugly hollows and tall grass to smooth lawns. River Drive from Stockwell Road to N. Hadley Post Office is being widened and drained by installation of pipe and catch basins. North of Scotts Bridge the road is widened and as planned will have a sidewalk on the river side, surface treatment to take place this year.

## BRIDGES

Fortunate that either of the obsolete bridges in Maple Street are still able to function as both should have been replaced long ago. It appears as though we may have to suspend work on route 47 for a year or two and replace these bridges. The State and County have said that we can not have both at the same time.

## HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Necessary to purchase a new truck, of a type heavy and powerful enough to plow snow and haul stone or gravel the long distances we have. This will replace a truck now 12 years in service.

Material loaders wear out. The conveyor now eleven years old is at a state where it is too expensive to maintain. Some use can be made of it together with the tractor bucket loader. If the Town tractor is plowing sidewalks it is not available for loading. We will always have material to load and we hope that by next year's meeting to have enough money to buy some type of loader either tractor or bucket type. We shall have to buy a sand spreader body for one of the trucks, to be used in the winter. The attached sanders now in use are certainly a tough proposition on stormy nights. The sand spreader body, commonly in use by the lime spreader companies, require no man standing in the rear shoveling into the hopper while it is raining and freezing. The power to actuate the movement of material is usually by power take off from the truck transmission or may be by separate motor.

## GARAGE

The Town finally became the owner of a garage large enough to house the equipment we own. Some improvements need to be made. Needed—A heater, in a room closed off from the garage proper, and a few blowers so that the temperature may be raised to at least 50 degrees. Often repairs have to be made on snow and ice incrustated equipment. We have our own gas tank for the first time. This is the first time that we have been able to spread out and really have elbow room to work. The building will have to have some repairs and a few changes, which if carried on over a few years the cost will not be excessive.

## NEW LEGION BUILDING

The new American Legion home whose picture adorns our cover, marks the first time that the service veteran in Hadley has had a fitting memorial, for in a larger sense, it is our contribution and their own to all the veterans of all wars past. The present Board has done everything possible to assist to a successful conclusion of this project. It would take a large page to list it all, but it was long overdue. Post 271 American Legion has every reason to be proud of the result and we wish them success in the carrying on of the long process of reducing the indebtedness.

The building is a welcome addition to our public buildings and will certainly become widely used for many social and public events.



## POLICE

The increase in the recommended budget is to pay for a man to control traffic during the times that our school children are moving across and about Russell St. bus time, lunch time and closing time. The claim is now made that those formerly doing it have so many other duties that they can not always be there at the time needed. This was requested by the school committee.

## PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board report for this year again recommends the consolidation of the heads of two departments. First time I heard this plan outlined was by Owen McNiff, Sr., when a member of the finance board in 1939. This plan is to say the least and call a spade by its name — political dynamite. There is no question whatever, it is the solution to many head aches. We estimate that it can be put into operation for a minimum of \$5,000.00 a year. The salary and expenses of this double chief will amount to more than we pay for total expenses of both departments at the present time. The Planning Board appear to be digressing from their original purpose, but they could use 1952 to present a plan, with detailed costs for next year's meeting. If the Planning Board would meet with the selectmen before Town reports and budgets are made up action need not always be a year postponed on their ideas.

## IMPORTANCE OF SELECTMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS

The Hadley Board of Selectmen has continued membership in the Hampshire County Selectmen's Association, and the Mass. State Selectmen's Association. These valued connections have paid off, in that in two instances alone, the efforts of the associations in having unfavorable legislation checked have meant the continuing of Chapter 81 assistance to the larger towns, who were in line to lose it through revaluations. This would have put them out of class receiving it.

Another bill passed in the last few days of the session, which had the full support of the State Association, will give the towns full right to use their free cash, after a town meeting has so voted, without consent of Tax Commissioner Long.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. REYNOLDS, Chairman Board of Selectmen.

## LORD'S DAY LAWS

### GENERAL LAWS (TER. ED.) CHAP 136, Sec. 1.

Lord's Day defined — The Lord's day shall include the time from midnight to midnight.

#### SEC. 5

Keeping Open Shop, etc. and Doing Certain Work, etc. Prohibited—Whoever on the Lord's day keeps open his shop, warehouse or workhouse, or does any manner of labor, business or work, except works of necessity and charity, shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

#### SEC. 6

Limit of Operation of Preceding Section —

Nor shall it prohibit work lawfully done by persons working under permits granted under section nine; the sale by licensed innholders and common victuallers of meals such as are usually served by them, consisting in no part of alcoholic beverages, as so defined, which meals are cooked on the premises but are not to be consumed thereon; the operation of motor vehicles; the sale of gasoline and oil for use, and the retail sale of accessories for immediate necessary use, in connection with the operation of motor vehicles, motor boats and aircraft; the making of such emergency repairs on disabled motor vehicles as may be necessary to permit such vehicles to be towed or to proceed under their own power, and the towing of disabled motor vehicles; the letting of horses and carriages or of boats, motor vehicles or bicycles; the letting on trains of equipment or accessories for personal use in connection with outdoor recreation and sports activities; unpaid work on pleasure boats; the running of steam ferry boats on established lines and railroad trains or of steamboats.

Nor shall it prohibit the preparation, printing and publication of newspapers or the sale and delivery thereof; the wholesale or retail sale and delivery of milk, or the transportation thereof, or the delivery of frozen desserts or ice cream mix, or both, or the retail sale of ice or of fuel; the transportation of general commodities by motor truck or trailers, then engaged in interstate commerce before eight o'clock in the forenoon and after eight 'clock in the evening or in the event of an emergency between the aforesaid hours; the handling, transportation and delivery of fish and perish-

able foodstuffs at wholesale; the sale at wholesale of dressed poultry, and the transportation of such poultry so sold, on the Lord's Day next preceding Thanksgiving day, and on the Lord's day next preceding Christmas day except when Christmas day occurs on Saturday the Lord's day or Monday; and making of butter and cheese; the keeping open of public bathhouses; the making or selling by bakers or their employees, before ten o'clock in the forenoon and between the hours of four o'clock and half past six o'clock in the afternoon, of bread or other food usually dealt in by them; whenever Rosh Hashonah, or the Day of Atonement, begins on the Lord's day, the retail sale and delivery of fish, fruit and vegetables before twelve o'clock noon of that day; the selling or delivering of kosher meat by any person who, according to his religious belief, observes Saturday as the Lord's day by closing his place of business during the day until six o'clock in the afternoon, or the keeping open of his shop on the Lord's day for the sale of kosher meat between the hours of six o'clock and ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Nor shall it prohibit the sale of fruit and vegetables by the person who raised the same, or by his agent thereunto duly authorized, on premises owned or leased by him.

#### SEC. 7. Sale of Certain Articles on Lord's Day licensed.

In Boston, and in any other city or town which accepts this and the following section or has accepted corresponding provisions of earlier laws, in a city by its city council or in a town by the voters of the town at an annual town meeting, the licensing board or officer in such city or town, or if there is no such board or officer the aldermen of a city, or if there are no aldermen the city council, with the approval of the mayor, or the selectmen of a town, may grant, to any reputable person who on secular days is a retail dealer in frozen desserts and/or ice cream mix, confectionery, soda water or fruit and who does not hold a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages, as defined in section one of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, a license to keep open his place of business on the Lord's day for the sale of frozen desserts and/or ice cream mix, confectionery, soda water or fruit.

#### SEC. 8. Provisions of Licenses; Fee; Revocation

Every license granted under the preceding section shall specify the street or place and the number, if any, or if there is no number, the location of the place of business in which the license is to be exercised, and the license shall not be valid in any other place. Such



licenses shall expire on April thirtieth of each year; but they may be granted during April, to take effect on May first following. The fee for such license shall not be more than five dollars a year, and it may be suspended or revoked by the officer or board granting the same.

# Town Clerk's Report

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Hadley, Mass.:  
Gentlemen:

I respectfully present to you my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

## VITAL STATISTICS OF THE TOWN OF HADLEY

Number of Births for the year was 92. Males 44 and Females 48.

### BIRTH RATE FOR FIVE PRECEDING YEARS

1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
49	62	68	57	56

Number of Marriages for the year was	36
First Marriage of both parties	30
Youngest groom	18
Youngest bride	16
Oldest groom	48
Oldest bride	40
Average age of grooms, first marriage	26
Average age of brides, first marriage	23

### MARRIAGE RATE FOR FIVE PRECEDING YEARS

1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
81	55	62	44	47

Number of Deaths for the year was 28. Males 16, Females 12.

Number of deaths under one year of age	5
Between 1 and 30 years of age	2

Between 30 and 40 years of age	4
Between 40 and 50 years of age	3
Between 50 and 60 years of age	4
Between 60 and 70 years of age	2
Between 70 and 80 years of age	4
Between 80 and 90 years of age	4

Oldest person deceased was a female 86 years, 8 months, 25 days.

Twenty five of the deceased were residents of the town.

#### DEATH RATE FOR FIVE PRECEDING YEARS

1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
33	45	27	25	22

#### DOG LICENSES

Licenses issued :

Males, 222 at \$2.00	\$444.00	
Females, 29 at \$5.00	145.00	
Spayed females, 68 at \$2.00	136.00	
	<hr/>	\$725.00
Fees retained, 319 at .20	63.80	
Payments to Town Treasurer	661.20	
	<hr/>	\$725.00

#### FISH AND GAME LICENSES

Licenses issued :

Resident Citizens' Fishing, 198 @ \$2.00	\$396.00
Resident Citizens' Hunting 90 @ \$2.00	180.00
Resident Citizens' Sporting 140 @ \$3.25	455.00
Female and Minor Fishing, 73 @ \$1.25	91.25

Minor Trapping, 5 @ \$2.25	11.25	
Resident Citizens' Trapping		
10 @ \$5.25	52.50	
Resident Alien Fishing		
1 @ \$5.25	5.25	
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-day Fishing		
2 @ \$1.50	3.00	
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting		
2 @ \$10.25	20.50	
Duplicate, 3 @ .50	1.50	
Citizens' Sporting & Trapping, Free, 14		
Resident Military Sporting, Free 6		
	<hr/>	\$1,216.25
Payments to Division of		
Fisheries & Game	1,086.00	
Fees retained, 521 @ .25	130.25	
	<hr/>	\$1,216.25

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. PELISSIER,  
Town Clerk



## Treasurer's Report

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FRANK H. PELISSIER, Treasurer

in account with the Town of Hadley

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1951	\$108,245.06
Receipts for the year 1951	346,948.02
Total Receipts	455,193.08
Disbursements	348,128.32
Balance in Treasury December 31, 1951	\$107,064.76

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. PELISSIER,  
Town Treasurer

# Tax Collector's Report

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

As Tax Collector for the Town of Hadley, Mass., I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

## TAXES—1949

Outstanding December 31, 1950	\$646.64
Payments to Treasurer, January 1 to December 31, 1950	\$646.64

## TAXES—1950

Outstanding December 31, 1950	\$22,535.96
Payments to Treasurer, January 1 to December 31, 1951	\$21,882.82
Abatements, January 1 to December 31, 1951	240.30
Outstanding December 31, 1951	412.84
	<hr/> \$22,535.96

## TAXES—1951

Poll	\$1,894.00
Personal	17,650.92
Real Estate	128,751.42
Additional Assessments	
Poll	6.00
December Assessments	
Real Estate	27.30
Personal Tax abatement after payment, refunded	8.40
	<hr/> \$148,338.04

Payments to Treasurer		
January 1, 1951 to		
December 31, 1951	128,182.35	
Abatements		
January 1 to December 31, 1951	1,483.82	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	18,671.87	
	<hr/>	\$148,338.04

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1949		
Outstanding December 31, 1950		\$318.66
Payments to Treasurer		
January 1 to December 31, 1951	\$165.78	
Abatements		
January 1 to December 31, 1951	152.88	
	<hr/>	\$318.66

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1950		
Outstanding December 31, 1950	\$4,208.91	
Additional Commitment—		
January 16, 1951	1,544.03	
Abatements after payment, refunded	49.79	
	<hr/>	\$5,802.73
Payments to Treasurer		
January 1 to December 31, 1951	\$4,237.63	
Abatements		
January 1 to December 31, 1951	1,432.80	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	132.30	
	<hr/>	\$5,802.73

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1951		
Commitments per Warrants	\$25,273.34	
Abatements after payment, refunded	304.79	
	<hr/>	\$25,578.13
Payments to Treasurer		
January 1 to December 31, 1951	21,507.02	
Abatements		
January 1 to December 31, 1951	1,219.30	

Outstanding December 31, 1951	2,851.81	
	<hr/>	25,578.13

INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

Taxes:		
Levy of 1949	39.56	
Levy of 1950	470.94	
Levy of 1951	155.02	
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1949	12.44	
Levy of 1950	83.03	
Levy of 1951	38.43	
	<hr/>	\$799.42

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. PELISSIER,  
Tax Collector



# Assessors' Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Assessors submit their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1951:

## RECAPITULATION

### Town Appropriatiin

(a) to be raised by Taxation	\$196,812.59	
(b) to be taken from available funds		
in 1951	\$59,562.28	
after tax rate		
was fixed	3,100.00	
		<u>62,662.28</u>
		<u>\$259,474.87</u>

### State Assessments—1951 Estimated

State Parks and Reservations	415.41	
State Parks and Reservations	87.31	
1950 Underestimate		
		<u>530.88</u>

### County Assessments

County Tax	17,201.17	
		<u>17,201.17</u>

Overlay of current year	6,295.65
Gross amount to be raised	\$283,502.57

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax	29,754.23
Corporation Taxes	7,627.63
Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land	925.96

Old Age Tax (meals) Chap. 64B S 10	148.60	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	16,000.00	
Licenses	4,500.00	
Fines	300.00	
General Government	100.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	200.00	
Health and Sanitation	50.00	
Charities (other than federal grants for aid to dependent children	900.00	
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants	3,500.00	
Veterans Benefits	200.00	
Schools (Fund from Income Tax not to be included)	7,000.00	
Interest on taxes and Assessments	400.00	
Total Estimated Receipts		71,606.42
Overtestimated of previous year to be used as available funds		
County Tax	937.53	
Amount to be taken from available funds	62,662.28	
Total Available Funds		63,599.31
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		\$135,206.23
Net amount to be raised by Taxation		\$148,296.34
Number of Polls, 947 at \$2.00	1,894.00	
Valuation of Personal Property \$420,260.00 at \$42.00	17,650.92	
Valuation of Real Estate \$3,065,510.00 at \$42.00	128,751.42	
Total taxes to be levied on Polls and Property		\$148,296.34
Additional Poll Tax Assessed	6.00	
Omitted Assessments		
Value of Real Estate	650.00	
Tax on Real Estate	27.30	

# TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Polls	947	
Number of Persons, Partnerships and Corporations assessed on Property		
Personal Property only	41	
Real Estate only	456	
On both Personal and Real Estate	259	
Value of Assessed Stock in Trade	52,005.00	
Machinery	164,305.00	
Live Stock	128,550.00	
All other personal property	75,400.00	
Total Value of Assessed Personal Property		\$420,260.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		
Land exclusive of Buildings	958,635.00	
Buildings exclusive of Land	2,106,875.00	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		\$3,065,510.00
Total Value of assessed Estate		\$3,485,770.00
Tax Rate per \$1000	42.00	
Taxes for State, County or Town Purposes		
On Personal Estate	17,650.00	
On Real Estate	128,751.42	
On Polls	1,894.00	
Total Taxes Assessed		\$148,296.34
Additional Poll Tax Assessment	6.00	
Omitted Real Estate Assessment	27.30	
		31.30
		\$148,327.64
Number of Live Stock Assessed		
Horses one year old or over	169	
Cows (Milch)	1042	
Bulls, Steers and Heifers	466	
Swine (6 months old or over)	73	
Sheep (6 months old or over)	80	

Fowl	7185
All other (Mink)	75
Number of Acres Land Assessed	12,755.13
Number of Dwellings Assessed	595

#### ABATEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 1951

Levy of	1950	1951
Polls	18.00	316.00
Personal		11.55
Real Estate	200.70	1,171.87

#### MOTOR EXCISE AND TRAILER

Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	1306
Total Excise on Motor Vehicles	\$25,273.34
Total Assessed Valuation	\$593,273.00
Abatements of Motor Vehicle Excise	
Excise Levy of 1949	\$152.88
Abatements of Motor Vehicle Excise	
Excise Levy of 1950	\$1,432.80
Abatements of Motor Vehicle Excise	
Excise Levy of 1951	\$1,219.30
Additional Assessments of 1950 Excise	\$1,544.03
Additional Assessed Value of 1950 Excise	\$18,760.00
Number of Motor Vehicles of 1950 Assessment	53

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. DEVINE

EDWARD G. GNATEK

WARREN F. COOK

Board of Assessors



# Report of Planning Board

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

Gentlemen :

The most serious problem facing the residents of the Town of Hadley at present centers around the need and possible construction of a high school at current high prices. It is obvious that a high school cannot be built without sacrifice by all. A new school will mean higher taxes for many years.

This board feels that the farmers facing still higher increased costs and lower incomes should not be the only class to bear the brunt of the cost of a possible new high school. This is also applicable to the business men of our town.

Education is available to all. The cost of the educational facilities should be borne not only by one class but by all classes. To pay for our educational facilities fairly it may be necessary to make a careful study of the present system of tax valuation. It is possible that a revaluation of the real estate in our town based on present values will be necesasry so that all classes of property owners, whether they be farmers, business men or home-owners alone, may participate in bearing the cost of a possible new school on the fairest basis possible.

This board favors the establishment of a strong building code. Hadley has been fortunate thus far that no inferior building program has been instituted. It is possible that some contractor or builder may attempt a development of cheap and inferior construction. An intelligent building code would prevent cheap and flimsy construction.

This board recommends the purchase of a new fire truck to replace the obsolete Reo truck. A truck with a 1000 gallon tank to be used where no water is available might be a practical purchase.

This board recommends the reorganization of the Police and Fire Departments so that one person would be in charge of both. His should be a full time job and in addition he could act as the building inspector. The above recommendation would insure more adequate protection to the townspeople.

This board urges all town officials to be most economical in their respective departments. The townspeople should also exercise economy in their demands because of present high prices.

The Harvest Dance held last fall at the high school gymnasium was a success. A local beauty queen was chosen and she represented our town well at the Hartford Tobacco Festival. The Hadley float was a masterpiece and received much favorable comment. The creation of the float, the decorations, the painting and the artistry were all the creation of local talent.

Hadley is fortunate to have so many talented and ambitious citizens who are willing to devote so much time for the good of the town. It can be said that if something needs to be done the people of our town can do it best. Perhaps the Harvest Dance can become an annual event. Much can be said in favor of it. Let us all get together and make it an annual event.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MISH, JR.  
NORMAND O. ALLARD  
J. MARCUS DWYER  
ROGER C. BARSTOW  
CHESTER F. KULIKOWSKI

Planning Board

# Report of Town Accountant

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To the Board of Selectmen  
Hadley, Mass.

Gentlemen :

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

## RECEIPTS GENERAL REVENUE TAXES

### Taxes:

#### Current Year

Poll	\$1,490.00	
Personal	15,230.39	
Real Estate	111,461.96	
	<hr/>	\$128,182.35

#### 1950:

Poll	110.00	
Personal	2,384.28	
Real Estate	19,388.54	
	<hr/>	21,882.82

#### 1949:

Personal	158.91	
Real Estate	487.73	
	<hr/>	646.64

### Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

1951	21,507.02	
1950	4,237.63	
1949	165.78	
	<hr/>	25,910.43

Accounts Receivable:		
Sludge Pump	240.50	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
State	1,381.34	
Old Age Assistance:		
State—Cities and Town	5,173.85	
	<hr/>	6,795.69
Aid to Highways:		
State	24,749.00	
County	2,500.00	
	<hr/>	27,249.00
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Withholding	11,065.76	
County Retirement	593.37	
	<hr/>	11,659.13
Road Machinery Earnings		6,302.81
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Income Tax	10,579.56	
Corporation Tax	11,966.53	
Old Age Meal Tax	182.96	
Loss of Taxes	1,062.41	
School Aid—Chapter 70	23,406.95	
Mass. School Construction Fund	5,193.98	
Smith-Hughes School Fund	127.92	
Child Guardianship	1,608.74	
High School Transportation	3,743.85	
Veterans Services	179.90	
Tuberculosis Subsidy	223.57	
Vocational Education	2,312.36	
	<hr/>	60,588.73
Federal Grants:		
Aid to Dependent Children	1,940.48	
Administration	60.75	
Old Age Assistance	5,157.37	
Administration	225.66	
	<hr/>	7,384.26



County Dog Refund	462.28
County Fines	135.00
Dog Licenses	661.20
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00
Sealer	240.60
Dental Fees	106.00
Licenses	6,024.55
Land Lease	20.00
Building Permits	32.00
Sale of Junk	15.00
Library Fines	11.27
School Athletic Fund	989.85
School Lunch Fund	14,900.10
Rent—School Building	1.00
Insurance Dividend	9.37
Interest on Taxes	787.17
Collector's Cost	12.25
Sale of Post War Fund Securities	23,809.00
Cemetery Care	57.50
Cemetery Gate Damage	300.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	375.00
Trust Fund Income:	
Libraries	150.15
Cemeteries	210.07
Ellen Bulfinch Fund	127.43
Post War Fund	462.50
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	950.15
Refunds:	
Town Hall	3.59
Fire Department	3.75
Highways for School Work	25.30
Highways—Cement Posts	15.00
Chapter 81—Transportation Tax	.29
Chapter 70—Transportation Tax	.58
Road Machinery	27.74
Welfare—Duplicate Payment	24.00
School Insurance	24.86

School—Duplicate Payment	8.91	
School Lunch Fund	2.85	
	<hr/>	136.87
Total Receipts		\$346,948.02
Cash on Hand January 1, 1951		108,245.06
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		\$455,193.08
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## PAYMENTS GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		\$25.00
Selectmen		
Salaries	\$1,800.00	
Expenses	200.00	
	<hr/>	2,000.00
Town Accountant		
Salary	900.00	
Clerical Assistance	84.50	
Expenses	90.40	
	<hr/>	1,074.90
Treasurer		
Salary	700.00	
Clerical Assistance	602.00	
Expenses	222.00	
	<hr/>	1,524.00
Tax Collector		
Salary	900.00	
Clerical Assistance	653.50	
Expenses	350.28	
	<hr/>	1,903.78
Assessors		
Salaries	1,371.50	
Expenses	521.91	
	<hr/>	1,893.41
License Board		
Salaries	65.00	

Expenses	35.00	
	<hr/>	100.00
Law Department		
Town Counsel	65.00	
Expenses	140.00	
	<hr/>	205.00
Town Clerk		
Salary	756.00	
Clerical Assistance	300.00	
Expenses	65.32	
	<hr/>	1,121.32
Election & Registration		
Wages	835.50	
Expenses	147.65	
	<hr/>	983.15
Town Hall		
Wages—Janitor	353.09	
Fuel	228.00	
Lights	74.54	
Repairs	289.81	
Insurance	148.00	
Telephone	191.78	
Supplies	175.14	
All Other	84.83	
	<hr/>	1,545.19
Total for General Government		12,375.75

#### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police		
Wages	1,798.00	
Expenses	517.98	
	<hr/>	2,315.98
Fire Department		
Wages	826.10	
Apparatus—Repairs	585.20	
Fuel	72.75	

Light	193.79	
Telephone	114.41	
Insurance	147.00	
All Other	244.70	
	<hr/>	2,183.95
Sealer of Weights and Measures		
Wages	311.40	
Expenses	38.60	
	<hr/>	350.00
Electrical Inspector		
Salary—125.00    Auto—50.00		175.00
Planning Board		
Salary—175.00    Auto—25.00	200.00	
Supplies—Building Inspector	12.50	
	<hr/>	212.50
Dikes		
Wages	57.60	
Materials	16.00	
Bulldozers and Trucks	375.25	
	<hr/>	448.85
Moth Extermination		
Salaries	122.20	
Other	381.00	
	<hr/>	503.20
Forestry		
Labor	1,247.94	
Equipment	131.47	
Insecticides and Other	93.15	
	<hr/>	1,472.56
Dutch Elm Disease		
Wages		1,829.36
Spraying Trees		
Wages	138.90	
Other	302.40	
	<hr/>	441.30
Total for Protection of Persons & Property		9,932.70



## HEALTH AND SANITATION

Salaries	875.60	
Administrative Expense	130.26	
Medical	543.00	
Tuberculosis—Board and Treatment	51.00	
Vital Statistics	35.38	
Animal Inspector—Salary	175.00	
Travel	25.20	
Meat Inspector—Wages	42.00	
Travel	14.88	
Milk Inspector—Salary	25.00	
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Total for Health and Sanitation		\$1,917.32

## HIGHWAYS

General Highways		
Wages	3,391.80	
Stone and Gravel	126.43	
Equipment and Repairs	1,260.57	
Other	2,188.88	6,967.68
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Repairs To Highway Garage		271.00
New Pickup Truck		995.00
Chain Saw and Road Sweeper		2,000.00
Highway Department Building		8,000.00
Bridges—Wages	13.70	
All Other	190.41	204.11
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Sidewalk Maintenance		
Wages	774.50	
Materials	334.00	
All Other	361.65	1,470.15
Street Lights		3,769.33
Chapter 81		
Wages	10,212.94	
Equipment	6,988.16	
Material	6,799.19	24,000.29

Road Machinery		
Gas and Oil	2,454.53	
Repairs	3,468.02	
Equipment	300.92	
Other	701.48	6,924.95
Chapter 90 Construction		
Wages	3,184.18	
Equipment	3,166.39	
Material	5,650.01	12,000.58
Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Wages	570.38	
Equipment	1,250.76	
Material	1,578.86	3,400.00
Ditch Maintenance		
Wages	86.65	
Materials and Supplies	582.34	
Other	130.00	798.99
Total for Highways		70,802.08

#### CHARITIES

General		
Salaries	673.30	
Stationery & Postage	54.46	
Other Administration	174.67	
Groceries & Provisions	5.85	
Rent	48.00	
Board & Care	1,585.72	
Other	11.00	2,553.00
Medical & Hospital		
State Institution	964.36	
Cash Grant	268.95	1,233.31
Aid to Dependent Children		
Cash Grants	2,355.10	

Cash Federal Grants	2,402.14	
Administration	56.23	4,813.47
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Old Age Assistance		
Cash Grants	9,297.13	
Other Cities & Towns	785.32	
Federal Cash Grants	3,921.27	
Federal Administration	215.95	
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Veterans Benefits		
Salary—Agent	364.00	
Administration Expense	15.00	
Medical	399.00	
Cash Grants	927.90	
All Other	7.79	1,713.69
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Total for Charities		24,533.14

## SCHOOLS

General		
School Committee Expense	225.00	
Salary Superintendent	4,050.00	
Stationery & Postage	139.26	
Telephone	512.89	
Travel	187.18	
Music Director	4,000.08	
Capital Outlays	698.45	
Other	185.32	9,998.18
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Teachers' Salaries		
High	17,244.23	
Elementary	39,625.86	
Vocational	2,515.40	
Instruction	497.29	59,882.78
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Text Books and Supplies		
High	1,373.61	

Elementary	4,058.29	
Vocational	410.17	5,842.07
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Transportation		6,826.72
Janitor Services		
High	2,272.55	
Elementary	3,235.00	
Vocational	400.00	5,907.55
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Fuel and Light		
High	3,013.95	
Elementary	3,880.94	
Vocational	72.92	6,967.81
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Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds		
High	1,053.15	
Elementary	546.29	1,599.44
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Other Expenses		107.87
Insurance		1,780.54
School Physician		525.00
School Nurse		1.160.00
Repairs to Hopkins Building		3,755.74
Industrial School Tuition		2,269.73
Original Hooker School Building Repairs		1,200.00
Hopkins Lighting Repairs		445.00
School Lunch		
Salaries	4,600.42	
Supplies	491.73	
Food	9,324.40	
Laundry	92.03	
Transportation	87.06	
Telephone	26.73	
Other	76.59	14,698.96
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School Athletic Fund		1,065.16
Hooker School Addition		
Architect	60.86	
General Contract	36,964.24	
Equipment	39.35	
Miscellaneous	14,155.36	51,219.81
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Maturing Debt on Hooker Addition		10,000.00
Interest on Hooker Addition Loan		1,300.00
Total For Schools		186,552.36

#### LIBRARIES

Salaries		
Librarian	389.97	
Assistants	441.64	
Janitors	179.40	
Books and Periodicals	728.27	
Light and Fuel	191.16	
Repairs	899.70	
Office Supplies	60.01	
All Other	114.05	3,004.20
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#### UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	225.00	
Hydrants	750.00	
Town Reports	528.79	
1950 Unpaid Bills	332.21	
Workmen's Compensation	1,150.63	
Civilian Defense	1,204.06	
American Legion Quarters	2,000.00	
Reopen Ditch to Coleman's Brook	17.35	
Kuzmeski Water Hole	89.10	6,297.14
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## CEMETERIES

Salaries	1,338.45	
Equipment	174.75	
Trees and Shrubs	10.10	
Repairs, Gas, and Oil	283.45	
Repairs to Cemetery Fence	24.20	
Other	15.75	1,846.70

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Post War Fund Interest		337.50
Interest on Series G Bonds		125.00

## AGENCY TRUST AND INVESTMENT

State Tax		
State Parks and Reservation	343.23	
Auditing Municipal Accounts	28.16	371.39

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Dog Licenses Due County		661.20
Federal Withholding Taxes		11,065.76
County Retirement Deductions		893.37

Assessments		
County Tax	15,728.13	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	350.00	
County Retirement	971.60	17,049.73

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Total for Agency Trust and Investment		30,041.45
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Refunds		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise		354.58
Other Tax Refunds		8.40
Total of all Cash Payments		348,128.32
Cash on Hand December 31, 1951		107,064.76
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		\$455,193.08

## SUMMARY

General Government	\$12,375.75
Protection of Persons and Property	9,932.70

Health and Sanitation	1,917.32
Highways	70,802.08
Charities	24,533.14
Schools	186,552.36
Libraries	3,004.20
Unclassified	6,297.14
Cemeteries	1,846.70
Post War Fund Income	337.50
Interest on "G" Bonds	125.00
Agency and Trust Investment	30,041.45
Refunds—Motor Vehicle Excise	354.58
Refunds—Other Taxes	8.40
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Total Payments	\$348,128.32

# APPROPRIATION SCHEDULES AND EXPENDITURES

Object of	Balance 1959	Appro- priations 1951	Fund Transfers and Refunds	Extra	
				Approp.	Transfers Balance
General Government					
Moderator		25.00		25.00	
Selectmen		2,000.00		2,000.00	.10
Accountant		950.00	125.00	1,074.90	16.00
Treasurer		1,530.00	10.00*	1,524.00	46.22
Tax Collector		1,950.00		1,903.78	456.59
Assessors		2,350.00		1,893.41	
License Board		100.00		100.00	
Law		250.00		205.00	45.00
Town Clerk		1,165.00		1,121.32	43.68
Election & Registration		1,000.00		983.15	16.85
Town Hall		1,400.00	203.59*	1,545.10	58.40
Protection of Persons and Property					
Police		2,100.00	292.50	2,315.98	76.52
Fire Dept.		2,200.00	3.75*	2,183.95	19.80
Planning Board		400.00		387.50	12.50



Sealer of W. & M.	350.00	350.00	
Moth Extermination	800.00	503.20	296.80
Spraying Trees	600.00	441.30	158.70
Forestry	1,200.00	1,472.56	27.44
Hydrants	750.00	750.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	1,200.00	1,829.36	120.64
Health and Sanitation			
Public Health	2,000.00	106.00*	188.68
Highways			
General Highways	8,000.00	15.00*	
Chapter 81	24,000.00	.29	1,047.32
Chapter 90 Construction	12,000.00	.58*	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,400.00		
Road Machinery	7,000.00	27.74*	102.79
Bridges	300.00	204.11	95.89
Street Lights	3,800.00	3,769.33	30.67
Ditches	750.00	798.99	151.01
Sidewalk—Maintenance	1,500.00	1,470.15	29.85
Dikes	500.00	448.85	51.15
Chain Saw & Road Sweeper	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Highway Dept. Building	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Hgwy. Dept. Pickup Truck	1,000.00	995.00	5.00

Reopen Ditch to					
Coleman's Brook	250.00		17.35		232.65
Water Hole—Hockanum		500.00			500.00
Repairs to Highway, Garage		898.43	271.00		627.43
Kuzmeski's Water Hole			89.10		60.90
Highway—Storm Damage		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Charities					
General Welfare	5,500.00	24.00*	4,611.09		912.91
A.D.C. Town	2,000.00	500.00	2,355.10		844.90
Old Age Assist.-Town	7,500.00		8,908.06		1,091.94
A.D.C. Federal	885.05		2,402.14		423.39
A.D.C. Fed. Adm.	11.52		56.23		16.04
Old Age Assistance-			4,270.88		1,693.49
Federal	807.00				
Old Age, Fed. Adm.	49.14		215.95		58.85
Veterans' Services			1,713.69		786.31
Schools & Libraries					
Schools, General	100,435.00	36.62*	100,470.04		1.58
School Lunch	1,000.00	Income 14,900.10	14,698.96		1,201.14
Schools, Industrial	3,100.00		2,269.73		830.27
Schools, Fed. Grant			127.92		
Hooker School					
Addition	52,206.62		51,219.81		986.81

School Ath. Fund	304.41				
Maturing Debt on					
Hooker Addition					
Interest on Hooker					
Addition Loan					
Repairs to Hopkins School					
Building					
Original Hooker School					
Building Repairs					
Hopkins Lighting Repairs					
Regional School Planning					
Board					
Mass. Construction Grant					
School Aid Chapter 70					
Libraries					
Enterprises and Cemeteries					
Cemeteries					
Repairs to Cemetery Fence					
Recreation & Unclassified					
Unpaid Bills 1950					
Memorial Day					
Town Reports					

Workmen's Comp. Ins.	1,200.00	1,150.63	49.37
Reserve Fund	4,000.00	2,367.51	1,632.49
Civilian Defense	1,400.00	1,204.06	195.94
American Legion	2,000.00	2,000.00	
County Retire. System	971.60	971.60	
	<u>\$54,263.74</u>	<u>\$59,496.42</u>	<u>\$50,667.33</u>
	\$254,912.59	\$320,600.50	

\*Refunds

TOWN OF HADLEY  
BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1951  
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash	\$107,064.76	Overestimates:	\$72.18
Accounts Receivable:		State Parks and Reservation Tax	1,473.04
Taxes:		County Tax	151.65
Levy of 1950	\$412.84	Sale of Cemetery Lots	6,605.60
Levy of 1951	18,671.87	Road Machinery Fund	
	<hr/>	Federal Grants:	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:	19,084.71	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Levy of 1950	132.30	Aid	423.39
Levy of 1951	2,851.81	Administration	16.04
	<hr/>	Old Age Assistance:	
Departmental:	2,984.11	Assistance	1,693.49
Sludge Pump	35.00	Administration	58.85
Aid to Dep.			<hr/>
Children	504.50	School Athletic Fund	2,191.77
	<hr/>	School Lunch Fund	229.10
State Aid for Highways	539.50	Unexpended Appropriations Balances:	1,201.14
	6,231.79	Hooker School Addition	986.81



Highway Garage Repairs	627.43	
Hockanum Water Hole	500.00	
Kuzmeski Water Hole	60.90	
Ditch—Coleman's Brook	232.65	
Hockanum Cemetery	360.80	
Plainville Cemetery		
Fence	125.80	
		2,894.39
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		11,206.31
Overlay Reserver for Abatements:		
Levy of 1950	412.84	
Levy of 1951	4,811.83	
		5,224.67
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and		
Trailer Excise	2,984.11	
Departmentl	539.50	
Aid to Highways	6,231.79	
		9,755.40
Surplus Revenue		94,899.62
		<u>\$135,904.87</u>
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# DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$90,000.00	Hooker School Loan	\$90,000.00
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# TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and		Ellen Bulfinch Library Fund	1,000.00
		Sarah Loomis Library Fund	5,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	14,508.70
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund	14,605.67
Securities	35,114.37		\$35,114.37

## DEPARTMENTAL DISTRIBUTIONS

Selectmen		
Salaries		
Frank C. Reynolds, Chairman	800.00	
Edward Jekanoski	500.00	
William Chmura	500.00	
Travel Expenses	135.63	
Office Supplies	64.37	
	<hr/>	2,000.00
Accounting Department		
Chester Gronostalski, Salary	900.00	
Clerical Assistance	84.50	
Office Supplies	90.40	
	<hr/>	1,074.90
Treasury Department		
F. H. Pelissier, Salary	700.00	
Marion M. Konieczny, Wages	602.00	
Surety Bond	92.50	
Office Supplies	119.50	
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00	
	<hr/>	1,524.00
Tax Collectors Department		
F. H. Pelissier, Salary	900.00	
Marion M. Konieczny, Wages	653.50	
Surety Bond	190.75	
Office Supplies	159.53	
	<hr/>	1,903.78
Assessors Department		
John Devine, Wages and Travel	658.75	
Edward Gnatek, Wages and Travel	327.69	
Warren Cook, Wages and Travel	539.25	
Supplies	135.82	
Equipment	231.90	
	<hr/>	1,893.41
License Board		
Frank C. Reynolds, Wages	65.00	

Supplies	35.00	
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Law		
Harry Jekanowski		
Services and Expenses	185.00	
Supplies	20.00	
	<hr/>	205.00
Town Clerk's Department		
Frank H. Pelissier, Salary	600.00	
Recording	156.00	
Office Supplies	57.82	
Marion M. Konieczny, Wages	300.00	
Surety Bond	7.50	
	<hr/>	1,121.32
Election and Registration		
Election and Registration		
Bernett Waskewicz, Registrar		
Wages and Car	177.00	
Ralph Smith, Registrar		
Wages and Car	177.00	
John Kelley, Jr., Registrar		
Wages and Car	208.25	
Joseph F. Kokoski, Elector	12.00	
Marion M. Konieczny, Clerical	30.00	
Frank H. Pelissier, Clerk	120.00	
William Murphy	11.25	
Joseph Niedbala	11.25	
Rachel Smith	11.25	
Joseph Yarrows	11.25	
John Kozera	11.25	
Roger West	10.00	
Ralph Smith	10.00	
George Edwards	10.00	
Fred Bemben	10.00	
John Kelley, Jr.	10.00	
John Moriarty	5.00	

Hadley Sportsmen's Club	58.11	
Printing and Supplies	89.54	
	<hr/>	983.15
Town Hall:		
Florian Ziemba, Janitor	259.30	
Joseph Waskiewicz, Janitor	72.50	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	191.78	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	78.13	
The Lawers Co-operative Pub. Co.		
Annotated Laws	15.00	
Hadley Water District	11.00	
Fuel	228.00	
Supplies	231.67	
Repairs	309.81	
Insurance	148.00	
	<hr/>	1,545.19
Police:		
Tony Gesiorek, Wages and Car	720.00	
John Kowal	208.00	
Joseph Wanczyk	190.50	
Michael Martula	144.25	
Joseph Drozdal	206.75	
John Waskiewicz	454.50	
Frank Uszynski	225.00	
Edward Hannigan	18.00	
Ford's Boat Dock, Rent	20.50	
Supplies	128.48	
	<hr/>	2,315.98
Fire Department:		
John Sullivan	3.00	
Chester Lesko	3.00	
John Koloski, Jr.	12.00	
Roger Barstow	2.00	
Norman Barstow	3.00	
Jacob Bemben	3.00	
John H. Kowal	5.00	
Stanley Uchneat	4.00	



Joseph Drozdal	7.00
Charles Wanat	7.00
Francis Bombardier	12.00
Sargio Orsini	25.00
Alden McQuestion	60.00
Raymond Shipman	8.00
Teddy Wojtowicz	22.00
Edward O'Shepa	15.00
Edward Waskiewicz	22.00
Fredrick Bemben	5.00
William Banas (No. Middle St.)	25.00
Stuart Russell	10.00
Ignace Waskiewicz, Jr.	25.00
Steve Baj	20.00
Frederick Fill	2.00
Bernett Waskiewicz	15.00
Charles Szafir	10.00
Edward G. Waskiewicz	65.00
Frank Uszynski	10.00
Joseph Klimoski, Sr.	5.00
Edward Lesko	8.00
Joseph Klimoski, Jr.	5.00
Finian Moriarty	6.00
Anthony Wilga	2.00
John Moriarty	25.00
Norman Miakim	5.00
Stanley Baj	5.00
Edward Poklewski	2.00
Roland Vanasse	5.00
John J. Waskiewicz	3.00
Edward Klaus	5.00
Edward McGrath	4.00
Edward Rodak	6.00
John Karkula	5.00
Joseph Slanda	3.00
George Horton	5.00
Raymond Latham	3.00

Michael Kostek	5.00	
Tony Wanczyk	3.00	
Chester Sadlowski	3.00	
Eugene Matuszko	5.00	
William McGrath	5.00	
Edward Bein	5.00	
Roger West	3.00	
Edward G. Waskiewicz, Salary	100.00	
Alden McQuestion, Salary	35.00	
Frank Uszynski, Salary	35.00	
Alden McQueston, janitor work	25.00	
John Wiater, Maintenance of Truck	25.00	
Arthur Germain	6.00	
Edward M. Buckowski	15.40	
Jacob Bemben	15.40	
Teddy Wojtoics	15.40	
Frank Wiater	2.20	
Myron Poklewski	2.20	
Edward Buckowski, Use of Car	2.250	
Telephone	118.16	
Fuel and Light	193.79	
Insurance	147.00	
Supplies	207.70	
Hydrants	33.25	
Apparatus	585.20	
Gasoline	72.75	
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		2,183.95

Planning Board and Elec. Inspector :

Chester Storozuk, Elect. Insp.		
Salary	125.00	
Use of Car	50.00	
Roger Barstow, Salary	175.00	
Use of Car	25.00	
Supplies	12.50	
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		387.50

Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Chester Wzorek, Salary	311.40	
Auto Expense	25.00	
Supplies	13.60	
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		350.00
Dikes:		
Anthony Gwozdik, Salary	57.60	
Materials	16.00	
Bulldozers and Trucks	375.25	
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		448.85
Moth Extermination:		
Joseph Zatyarka, Superintendent	26.40	
Anthony Gwozdik	86.40	
Stanley Buckowski	4.40	
Wallace Brozo	5.00	
Insecticides	381.00	
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		503.20
Forestry:		
Joseph Zatyarka, Wages	75.55	
Tony Kowal	65.10	
Frank Korash	30.50	
Anthony Gwozdik	36.00	
Joseph Swinson	64.00	
Bernett Waskiewicz	75.00	
Ignace Kowal	80.00	
Edward Kowal	70.00	
Edward Waskiewicz	60.00	
Charles Szafir	283.25	
Frank Wiater	240.00	
Thomas Fydenkiewicz	100.64	
John Rojko	20.00	
Kenneth Lambert	10.00	
Wesley Touch	10.00	
Stanley Buckowski	8.80	
Roland Mennella	12.50	
Edward Walzak	6.60	

Equipment	131.47	
Insecticides and Other	93.15	
	<hr/>	1,472.56
Dutch Elm Disease :		
Tony Kowal, Wages	207.45	
Joseph Swinson	352.30	
Walter Brozo	261.98	
Charles Szafir	57.20	
Frank Wiater	55.00	
Frank Korash	48.00	
Anthony Gwozdik	136.80	
Thomas Fydenkiewicz	30.01	
Joseph Zatyrrka	222.05	
Frank Reed	3.00	
Felix Matusko	2.00	
Stanley Buckowski	211.45	
R. D. McNullan, Greenfield	5.00	
C. Calkins, Greenfield	5.00	
Tony Gesiorek	66.55	
Kenneth Shaw	34.39	
Roland Mennella	97.63	
Gene Michaels	33.55	
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Spraying Trees :		
Tony Kowal, Salaries	4.80	
Wallace Brozo	41.60	
Joseph Zatyrrka	54.00	
Stanley Buckowski	19.25	
Tony Gesiorek	19.25	
Insecticide	302.40	
	<hr/>	441.30
Board of Health :		
Salaries, Traveling Expenses and Postage :		
John Manlick, Agent	666.31	
Travel, Postage	74.37	

F. C. Reynolds	100.00	
Travel and Postage	10.08	
E. Jekanowski	25.00	
William Chmura	25.00	
Travel	6.40	
Otto Hendrick, Milk Inspector	25.00	
Roger West, Animal Inspector	175.00	
Travel	25.20	
Joseph Swinsonek	5.00	
Frank Swinsonek	5.00	
Roger West, Meat Inspector	16.00	
Roger West, Slaughtering	26.00	
Travel	14.88	
Medical Expenses	543.00	
Tuberculosis	51.00	
Vital Statistics	35.38	
Supplies and Other	88.70	
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		1,917.32

General Highways:

Salaries:

Joseph Zatyрка	524.55	
Tony Kowal	714.00	
Frank Swinsonek	333.20	
Joseph Swinsonek	370.95	
Walter Brozo	368.75	
Charles Szafir	53.90	
Stanley Buckowski	172.70	
Anthony Gwozdik	643.15	
Stanley Lesko	121.00	
Frank Horton	5.50	
Edward Waskiewicz	6.60	
Frank Korash	77.50	
Stone and Gravel	126.43	
Equipment and Repairs	1,250.57	
Other Expenses	2,188.88	
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		6,967.68



Bridges:

Salaries:

Joseph Zatyrrka	3.30
Tony Kowal	5.40
Walter Brozo	5.00
All Other	190.41

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204.11

Sidewalk Maintenance:

Salaries:

Tony Kowal	149.40
Walter Brozo	172.80
Joseph Swinsonek	193.15
Frank Swinsonek	73.15
Anthony Gwozdik	101.25
Joseph Zatyrrka	63.75
Frank Baj	13.50

Tractor Work

Frank Baj	7.50
Allard Farms	5.00

Materials	334.00
All Other	356.65

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1,470.15

Chapter 81:

Salaries:

Joseph Zatyrrka	2,471.19
Tony Kowal	1,266.01
Frank Swinsonek	1,845.06
Joseph Swinsonek	1,433.41
Wallace Brozo	1,111.39
Charles Szafir	149.85
Anthony Gwozdik	710.78
Rolalnd Mennella	26.00
Stanley Buckowski	568.95
Tony Gesiorek	52.80
Joseph P. Zatyrrka	232.00
Martin Baj	12.00

Edward Walczak	49.50	
Frank Korash	394.50	
Stanley Lesko	109.50	
Equipment and Materials	13,567.35	
	<hr/>	24,000.29

Chapter 90 Construction :

Salaries :

Joseph Zatyrrka	558.53	
Tony Kowal	454.95	
Frank Swinsonek	478.50	
Joseph Swinsonek	415.00	
Wallace Brozo	416.25	
Charles Szafir	66.00	
Anthony Gwozdik	248.40	
Rolland Mennella	48.00	
Stanley Buckowski	299.75	
Gene L. Michael	8.80	
John Waskiewicz	46.20	
William Sienkiewicz	13.20	
Emil Kushi	8.80	
Tony Gesiorek	88.00	
Angelo Liguori	34.80	
Equipment and Materials	8,815.40	
	<hr/>	12,000.58

Chapter 90 Maintenance :

Salaries :

Joseph Zatyrrka	254.40	
Tony Kowal	199.20	
Frank Swinsonek	231.18	
Joseph Swinsonek	116.80	
Wallace Brozo	116.80	
Anthony Gwozdik	44.40	
Stanley Buckowski	56.00	
Joseph P. Zatyrrka	16.00	
Stanley Lesko	40.00	
Equipment and Material	2,325.22	
	<hr/>	3,400.00

Ditch Maintenance:

Wages:

Charles Szafir	43.45
Anthony Gwozdik	43.20

Materials 582.34

Bulldozer Work 130.00

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798.99

Charities:

Salaries

Daniel P. Sullivan 573.30

F. C. Reynolds 100.00

Stationery and Postage 54.46

Other Administration 174.69

Groceries and Provisions 5.85

Rent 48.00

Board and Care 1,585.72

Other 11.00

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2,553.00

Veterans Benefits:

Salaries:

Charles Szafir 360.00

Association Dues 4.00

Administration 15.00

Medical 399.00

Cash Grants 927.90

All Other 7.79

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1,713.69

Schools:

Administrative Salaries:

John Martula 75.00

Edwin Podolak 75.00

R. Donald Shipman 75.00

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225.00

Robert Savitt 4,050.00

(For the breakdown of other school  
salaries see School Report)

Textbooks and Supplies

High	1,373.61
Elementary	4,058.29
Vocational	410.17

Fuel and Light

High	3,013.95
Elementary	3,880.94
Vocational	72.92

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6,967.81

School Lunch:

Salaries:

Robert Savitt	330.00
M. Elizabeth Hibbard	1,447.50
M. Elizabeth Hibbard, expenses	24.35
Louise Meakim	723.02
Louise Horton	580.05
Jean Mushenski	603.88
Jane Drabek	463.96
Victoria Wentzel	171.64
Mary Klaus	22.02
Jane Drabek—Transportation	154.00

Supplies 491.73

Food 9,324.40

Laundry 92.03

Janitor—John Kowal 80.00

Transportation 87.06

Telephone 26.73

Other 76.59

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14,698.96

School Athletic Fund:

Admission Taxes 154.93

Referees 372.50

Transportation 67.00

Janitor at Games 110.00

Equipment and Other 360.73

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1,065.16

Libraries :

Salaries :

Grace Crosier	389.97	
Marion Hibbard	160.00	
Beverly Waters	41.63	
Lois Stiles	75.01	
Florence Burke	55.00	
Irene Pierce	60.00	
William Murphy, Janitor	208.00	
David Babb, Janitor	14.00	
Books and Periodicals	728.27	
Ligha and Fuel	191.16	
Repairs	899.70	
Supplies and Other	181.46	
	<hr/>	3,004.20

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER GRONOSTALSKI

Town Accountant



## Report of the Board of Registrars of Voters

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The following is the report of the Board of Registrars of Voters for the year 1951.

At the beginning of the year 1951, the number of voters was thirteen hundred sixty-six. During the year the Board of Registrars added eighteen names to the voters' list and removed seventy-one.

The present number on the list is thirteen hundred thirteen, seven hundred twenty eight males and five hundred eighty five females.

In conducting the canvass for the year 1951, nine hundred sixty-one males and nine hundred nineteen females twenty years of age or over were listed as residing in the town.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH H. SMITH, Chairman  
JOHN S. KELLEY, JR.  
BERNETT L. WASKIEWICZ  
FRANK H. PELISSIER, Clerk  
Registrars

# Superintendent of Streets

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

During the past year the Highway Department of Hadley has maintained and improved the town roads, sidewalks, drainage, constructed new roads, and completed the projects assigned to us by the state and town officials.

## CHAPTER 81

Under Chapter 81, the usual amount of maintenance and improvements was accomplished ; such as, road scraping, patching, brush cutting, and snow removal. The following roads were resurfaced: South Maple Street, 2.0 miles; Mill Valley Road, 1.7 mile; Huntington Road, .5 mile; Mt. Warner Road, 1.0 mile, Roosevelt Road, .5 mile.

South Maple Street was widened over a .5 mile stretch. In this project we used 1100 cu. yds. of gravel from Mr. Frank Musakiewicz's gravel bank, South Amherst; 1000 cu. yds. from the town bank, and 1200 cu. yds. of fill from the Amherst College ski tow. We wish to thank Mr. Lewis P. West for allowing us the use of his field as a short cut when we were hauling fill from the Amherst ski tow.

Improvements were made by widening the Mill Valley Road near Mr. Chester Smith's farm, thus eliminating the obstructed view.

The north approach to the North Maple Street bridge was widened; the fill for this project was taken from Rocky Hill.

Stockwell Road was widened to 20 ft.; fill was taken from Chapter 90 construction.

Comins Road was raised abutting Mr. John J. Czajkowski's home to remedy the drainage problem.

Improvements were made to the river bank near Rocky Hill.

Some road surfacing was temporarily postponed due to the shortage of crushed stone at the Lane Crusher in Amherst. We have made arrangements with Lane to obtain crushed stone in the early spring.

In cooperation with the state reconstruction on Route 9, the South Middle Street culvert was lowered to improve the drainage north of the American Legion Home.

Barrus Road was considerably improved this year by widening, grading, and bettering the drainage.

This year we used a brush killing spray for poison ivy. This spray has been very successful, and we anticipate using this method again next year.

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

River Drive was resurfaced, starting at the Sunderland line for two miles to the south. This road was sealed with asphalt emulsion and covered with  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch stone.

## CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

The construction of Middle Street was continued from Railroad Street to Route 9, with 3 inch macadam penetrated with asphalt emulsion.

Beginning with Stockwell Road to the LaSalle driveway the road was widened to 24 ft., filled with gravel, and hard surfaced with asphalt. Due to the high water level in the ground, sub-drainage was improved by 8-inch perforated pipe wherever needed. On the north side of the North Hadley bridge, the road was widened to 50 feet with ample room for a drainage system and a side-

walk on the east side of the road. I recommend that sufficient money be appropriated at the next town meeting to construct a sidewalk in conjunction with the building of the road in order that this project can be completed.

Additional leach basins were constructed on Middle Street to improve drainage.

### SIDEWALKS

New hard surfaced sidewalks were constructed from Mr. George I. Major's home to East Street.

Middle Street sidewalk culverts were widened.

### DRAINAGE

The East Street ditch beginning at Town Farm Lane west to Coleman Brook was re-excavated where required for better drainage. Culverts were put in to provide better drainage from the fields to this ditch.

### MATERIALS USED

Salt	25 tons
Gravel	5,520 cu. yds.
Sand	5,000 cu. yds.
Asphalt	58,240 gals.
Asphalt Patch	137 tons
Crushed Stone	1,500 tons
Metal Culverts	2,290 ft.
Bricks	9,350
Catch Basin Frames and Grates	12
Cement	62 bags
Kerosene	89 gals.

Town highways consist of 60.34 miles, which include 42.59 miles of hard-surfaced roads and only 17.17 miles of gravel roads.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the State Supervisors, the citizens of Hadley and highway workmen for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH ZATYRKA,

Superintendent of Streets



## Sealer of Weights and Measures

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I herewith present my annual report to you for the year ending December 31, 1951.

	Adjusted	Sealed
Scales over 10,000 lbs.	0	1
Scales 100 to 5000 lbs.	52	164
Scales under 100 lbs.	1	43
Weights	0	107
Liquid Measures	0	22
Meters 1" or less (Gasolene)	1	25
Meters 1" or over (Vehicle tanks)	1	3
Meters, Grease, Kerosene, etc.	0	14
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Total adjusted & sealed	55	379
Fees collected and turned over to Town Treasurer		\$240.90

## Civil Defense

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

Gentlemen :

On December 16, 1950, the President of the United States issued a proclamation stating the existence of a national emergency. This required not only the military services to be strengthened, but also the civilian personnel. In this direction the town has made some progress.

A police auxiliary has been formed with forty-three members, to help with the inforcement of the law in case of disaster Mr. R. Donald Shipman was the auxiliary police chief until his recent recall into active service with the Marine Air Force. At present the auxiliary police is an organized body of men under the leadership of the Chief of Police Tony Gesiorek and Auxiliary police Chief Earl Breor. The members of the auxiliary are equipped with night sticks, hats, badges, whistles and white belts. This makes them one of the best equipped auxiliary units in this vicinity.

The auxiliary fire fighters are made up of the volunteer firemen of the town fire department under the able guidance of the Fire Chief and the two Deputy-chiefs. To date the department has purchased a dry chemical extinguisher.

For the fire department I recommend the purchase of a respirator, that could be used by all of the departments of the town.

For receiving distress calls, a small F.M. Police radio has been purchased, instead of the large \$600.00 set that has been requested. This radio should meet our require-

ments satisfactorily since we are located so close to the State Police.

The Town of Hadley has been designated an non-target area. For this we are very grateful, but it does not mean that we are to become lax in this program. Our job gets bigger, since we are in a non-target area. We in Hadley will be called upon to give shelter, food clothing, medical care and even money to the less fortunate of our neighboring cities and towns. At present we have four places able to seat 300 or more people at a feeding plus numerous smaller dining halls to handle smaller groups. Some of these kitchens are inadequately equipped to take care of these groups.

The program at this time is a long way from completion. Volunteers are urgently needed in all phases of this project. I urge all the people of Hadley to back this program, and help make it the best in the state.

Respectfully submitted

CHARLES J. SZAFIR,  
Director

CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY  
Civilian War Aid Division  
SUMMARY OF HOUSING SURVEY (INDIVIDUAL)

		November 1, 1951			
		Hadley			
		Heating			
		Not listed	Central		Total
			I	Other II	
1.	Number of households in community	37	352	199	588
2.	Number of bedrooms		1084	531	1615
3.	Number of other rooms usable as bedrooms		240	101	341
4.	Number of persons in households		1269	794	2063
5.	Number of households that will take evacuees		181	107	288
Number that prefer:					
a.	Parents and children		45	31	76
b.	Children		43	26	69
c.	Adults		93	50	143
6.	Number of evacuees to be taken				
a.	Parents and children		289	83	372
b.	Children		105	46	151
c.	Adults		363	116	479
			757	245	1002
					Refugees



## Library Report

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

The year 1951 completed 50 years of service for the Public Library of North Hadley.

During 1951 the circulation of books totaled 5341 for the Goodwin Memorial Library, a decrease of 848 from 1950; 2158 for the North Hadley Branch, a decrease of 700. Books purchased totaled 242 for the Goodwin Memorial Library, and for the North Hadley Branch, 131. All subscriptions for the magazines were renewed and for North Hadley, "Popular Science" was added.

Librarians and custodians have continued their interest and efforts for the benefit of the reading public. A slight increase in salary was made for the librarian at the Goodwin Memorial Library; unfortunately Miss Cro-



sier has been obliged by circumstances to take a six months leave of absence, during which time two members of the Board of Trustees, Miss Burke and Mrs. Pierce, have very efficiently taken over her duties.

Mrs. William Plotkin of Springfield, Massachusetts, presented to the Goodwin Memorial Library, funds for a book to be given in memory of Mrs. Carl Moberg of Hockanum, the book selected by the Trustees is "Audubon's Animals or the Quadrupeds of North America" by Alice Ford. This beautiful book is richly illustrated with reproductions of Audubon's original prints in color. Mrs. L. C. Van Woert, of New York City, presented the Library with a large framed engraving of the famous picture of the "The Angel of Hadley". St. John's parish deserves our gratitude for several volumes; we also wish to thank Mr. E. Byrne Hackett of New York City, Col. George A. Taylor and Mrs. John A. Sessions, for the books they so generously contributed.

The State Reading Plan was continued at the Russell School until last spring with a very notable increase in the number of books reported. This program culminated in late May with the presentation of 135 twenty-book honor certificates, earned by 89 pupils. We especially wish to report that in Grade 8, Leonard Gnatek received 6 honor certificates, representing a review of 120 books; Donna Klimoski, 4 honor certificates—80 books. In Grade 7, John Pipczynski also was awarded 4 honor certificates—80 books. There were 387 five book certificates awarded. The total number of books reported was 1989. Exercises were held at the Russell School attended by all the Trustees of The Goodwin Memorial Library with the Chairman of the Board making the presentations to the individual honor pupils.

The Trustees in keeping with their policy of making annual improvements and repairs, have this past year through the generous appropriation, accomplished the



following: at the Goodwin Library repairs have been made to the chimney and to the roof; the ceiling in the hall upstairs has been entirely done over and the cords lowered, making for better lighting and ease in changing bulbs, cleaning, etc. New shelves have been added for books and a new and better filing cabinet installed. Also minor repairs were made in the basement. In the North Hadley Branch another fluorescent light was installed.

To continue the policy of some annual renovations, the Trustees request for 1952, the sum of \$1800.00, plus interest from invested funds and the dog tax, to carry on the work of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

James Lincoln Huntington, Chairman	Term expires 1952
Florence M. Burke, Secretary	Term expires 1953
Mrs. Mabelle T. P. Taylor	Term expires 1953
William H. Murphy	Term expires 1953
Mrs. Marion Ray Waters	Term expires 1954
Mrs. Jane Byrne Pierce	Term expires 1954

# Report of Police Department

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

The following is my report as Chief of Police of the Town of Hadley, Mass., for the year ending December 31, 1951.

## OFFICERS UNDER CIVIL SERVICE

John H. Kowal    Joseph S. Wanczyk    Edward Hannigan  
Edward Jekanoski (inactive) (Retires 1952)

Constables who were elected at your last town meeting and were qualified to act as such for ensuing year.

John H. Kowal	Tony Gesiorek
John J. Waskiewicz	Michael Martula
Frank Uszynski	Joseph Drozda

## NUMBER OF ARRESTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF HADLEY FOR THE YEAR 1951 BY TOWN AND STATE POLICE

Drunkenness	21
Speeding	30
Passing car where view is obstructed	3
Driving so as to endanger the lives	13
Driving under the influence of liquor	7
Insanity	1
No license in possession	7
No registration in possession	1
Failing to stop for school bus	1
Breaking, Entering & Larceny	3
Delinquent Child	1
Escaped Patients	3

Larceny Car	2
Carrying gun without permit	2
Asasult with intent to rob	2
Assault & Battery	3
Unregistered car	9
Operating after revocation of license	2
Absent without leave from U.S. Navy	1
Operating after suspension of license	4
Uninsured car	5
Attaching plates	2
Following too closely	1
Leaving scene of acident without making self known after causing property damage	2
Failing to keep to right of traveled part way	7
Impeded operation	3

#### INVESTIGATIONS BY TOWN POLICE

Prowlers	2
Non-support	1
Town by-laws-violating	2
Automobile accidents	43
Larceny	2
Breaking and entering for larceny	7
Fire	3
Loss of dogs	2
Suspicious person	2
Disturbing the peace	4
Malicious destruction of property	1

#### SUMMONS SERVED FOR OUT OF TOWN POLICE

Speeding	9
Failing to have car inspected for proper equipment	3
Neglect or desertion of family	1
Permits to sell or exchange motor vehicles (issued)	163
Picnics, dances, public entertainments and funerals policed	41

Number of telephone calls for police	533
Hours of patrol in cruiser car	208
Dogs killed under chapter 140, sec. 167	19
Dogs disposed of on request of owners	8
Persons bitten by dogs	6

Respectfully submitted,

TONY GESIOREK,

Chief of Police

## Tree Warden

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

The 1950 ice storm left a great number of damaged trees throughout the town. These trees were trimmed, overhanging branches were removed, and debris left on the common and along the highway was removed.

All hazardous low-hanging branches along the highways were eliminated.

Forty-six maple trees, 29 elm trees, and 8 other types were removed due to widening roads, hazards to electric power lines, etc.

Western Massachusetts Electric Company removed some trees that were hazardous to their main lines on Rocky Hill, Mt. Warner as far as Kentfield's dairy, Stockbridge Road to North Maple Street bridge, Huntington Road, and East Street. The remaining trees along the Western Massachusetts Electric lines will undoubtedly be trimmed this coming year.

We are fortunate to be located near the University of Massachusetts to take advantages of their expert advice and the experienced tree climber trained by Professor Gordon A. King.

There are 1600 maple trees, 869 elm trees, and 400 various other species along the town highways.

This year we removed 149 trees because of Dutch Elm disease, shading crops, interference with power lines, and age.

Only 13 trees were planted this year on private property as highway shade trees. The state law permits the

planting of trees on private property 20 ft. from the highway under easement. Anyone interested in having young trees planted on his property can notify the tree warden, who will supply whatever trees are available. These trees should be planted 20 ft. from the highway and should not interfere with the electric power lines or the future development of the highways.

### DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Dutch Elm disease is causing a serious problem in the Town of Hadley. Between 1941-1948 there were only 12 diseased elms reported. In 1949 there were 15; in 1950 13, and in 1951, the University of Massachusetts' laboratory tests indicated 66 diseased elms. Of these we removed 11 of the remaining trees tested in 1950 and 55 that were tested in 1951.

Removing trees killed by Dutch Elm disease costs more than protecting them against the disease. Therefore, it would be less expensive for the town to try to save the trees. Effective control of Dutch Elm disease is a community project. Tree sanitation is of utmost importance. Dead or diseased portions of the tree should be removed and immediately burned. Bark should be removed from stumps. Elm wood should never be left in the open.

This year the trees were sprayed for the first time with 12% D.D.T. dormant spray. A second spray of 6% D.D.T. was applied which controlled the bark beetle, leaf beetle, gypsy moth, and tent caterpillar. The third spray of 6% D.D.T. was applied which controlled the bark beetle and also controlled the leaf beetle. Most mist spraying was done at night due to less wind and less evaporation.

I attended the Tree Warden and Moth Control Conference at the University of Massachusetts which extended one week. Also, I am a member of the Three County Tree Warden & Moth Supt. Assoc., which meets once a month,



at which time we obtain all the latest information on the subject.

I wish to thank the Doctors Malcolm A. McKenzie and William B. Beck and Professors G. A. Marston and Gordon A. King for their cooperative assistance on Dutch Elm disease control.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH ZATYRKA,

# Report of Building Inspector

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I hereby present to you the Annual Report of the Building Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1951.

The building program in Hadley has changed considerably during the past year. The change has been mainly in the fact that no one has been building tobacco barns this year. Permits have been issued for the building of thirteen (13) new homes, plus five (5) additions to homes.

For most part, people have been very cooperative with the department. It has been necessary in several instances, for the board to alter the proposed location of buildings. When this situation occurs, the joint board helps decide the correct location. It has been very gratifying to the board to know that when the building has been completed, the applicant has been more than satisfied with the recommended location.

During 1951, a total of 32 permits were issued for a total of \$120,900.00. It should be understood that these figures are based on hopeful estimates before construction has begun. In many cases, the actual cost is increased during construction. Several of these permits were issued in the late fall and concern buildings which have not been completed or even started.

Following is a list of new buildings and their estimated cost:

13 Houses and 5 Additions	\$105,850.00
4 Garages and 1 Addition	2,150.00

4 Roadside Stand, Eating Place or Service Sta.	4,975.00
5 Miscellaneous Barns & Sheds	7,925.00
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	120,900.00

Respectfully Submitted,

ROGER C. BARSTOW

# Report of Fire Chief

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Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I hereby submit my 1951 Fire Dept. report.

## List of Various Fires

Oil Burners	3
Cigarette	1
Grass	5
Automobile	1
Hay Barns	2
Hot Grease	1
Tobacco Shed	1
Oil Truck	1
Snack Bar	1
Dry Runs	5
Halloween Night, 2 runs	
July 4th	
6 Runs to No. Hadley	
2 Runs in Hadley	
Removal of Snow Around Hydrants	1

In closing my report, I want to thank all the men who have co-operated in fighting fires when alarms were sounded, and for their splendid turnout whenever needed.

To the town people for keeping down fire department expense by giving their full attention to out door fires.

Sincerely

EDWARD G. WASKIEWICZ

Fire Chief

# Report of Inspector of Wires

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I hereby present my Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

During the course of the year, a total of twenty-two inspections have been made throughout the town. Most of the inspections were made in newly constructed buildings.

Your inspector of wires has found that all but a small percentage of the wiring was satisfactory and in accordance with Code regulations.

Some homeowners have done their own wiring. Under present circumstances the homeowner is permitted to wire his own home providing the work conforms to the rules and regulations of the Code.

During the year television installations have greatly increased in number. The large antennas used for reception can be a hazard. They should be inspected for proper installation and proper grounding.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER STOROZUK

## Report of the Board of Health

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This was the first year that Hadley worked with Amherst in utilizing the services of a trained technician, who served as agent of the Board of Health and sanitary inspector.

The Board of Health was much pleased with the work of John Mannlich, Jr., who was selected by the Amherst Board of Health for the position. John came to work in June and whatever problem we assigned to him he performed it in a capable manner. We do not think that the public took enough advantage of the services available. Most of the new houses were built without asking for any advice as to what type of septic waste disposal would work with the least trouble in that area. Not as many of the disposal systems work as well as they might do if certain ideas were used.

### WELL CHILD CLINIC

The fact that quite a few young mothers from Hadley are using the Amherst Well Child Clinic makes us believe that we might have a well child clinic here for children up to kindergarten age. This would not interfere with the school health work. Many times children are helped by the fact that symptoms are noticed and children are started on treatment before anything gets serious. It is not at all unusual in Amherst for doctors to refer children to the clinic for the checkup. We suggest one day a month for this provided a child doctor and nurse can be secured. We have the fact that 92 births were recorded during 1951; not too many of these children are going to see a doctor before they actually become ill.



## COMPLAINTS

The handling of complaints concerning bad odors and unpleasant situations caused by poor septic tank construction of neighbors has been very common. Some times a few suggestions from the sanitarian would have eliminated the trouble, and also been cheaper and lessened neighborhood tension.

F. C. REYNOLDS  
E. J. JEKANOWSKI  
WILLIAM CHMURA

Hadley Board of Health

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To the Board of Health, Hadley, Mass.:—

On May 1, 1951 I was appointed Agent and Sanitarian of the Towns of Hadley and Amherst. This appointment was made possible by the forming of a Health union between the two towns. It is interesting to note that Hadley and Amherst are among the first towns to begin sharing the expenses for health services as called for under the Union Health Dept. act passed by the Massachusetts Legislature in August 1949.

One of the first acts under this new union was to standardize the rules and regulations of the Boards of Health pertaining to eating and drinking establishments. The regulations were promptly passed by the Hadley Board of Health. These regulations apply stringent control over all eating and drinking establishments or other places where food and drink is served.

Acceptance of these new regulations by the eating and drinking establishments of Hadley was extremely favorable. Inspection of these establishments showed that all

the owners and operators were more than willing to comply and in some cases were willing to do more than the law required. In some cases compliance with the regulations meant an outlay of a great deal of time and money on the part of the owners. However, this was done and I can report that with a few minor exceptions the restaurants in the Town of Hadley are living up to the letter of the regulations and giving me their full cooperation.

Numerous complaints were received by me from the residents of Hadley, the majority of them being complaints about the faulty private disposal of sewage of their neighbors. Investigation of these complaints showed that there is a need for a standard method of sewage disposal in the town. This does not necessarily mean a municipal sewage disposal system because this would seem impossible due to the topography of the land and the great expanse involved. However, it is my belief that regulations regarding the type and size of private sewage disposal system which should be used especially by new buildings in town would greatly aid in this very difficult problem.

All Doctors who have patients in Hadley have been sent postcards with which they can report any cases of communicable diseases with which they might come in contact. However, there are many people who do not call a doctor when there is a mild case of communicable disease in their home. It must be remembered that it is required by law that they report these diseases to their Board of Health in order that the proper action might be taken to protect the other residents of the town.

A rodent control program was also initiated this past year with a few people taking advantage of the offer of a commercial rat bait at a great saving. Along with this program the bait is supplied with advise as to the best method of using it.

Recently it has come to my attention that there is a real need for the establishment of a Well Child Conference in the Town of Hadley. This conference consists of having a pediatrician examine pre-school children for the detection of defects or incipient disease. Each child enrooled in this conference should be given a physical examination by the pediatrician at leats once in three months during the first year of life and every six monhts thereafter. By doing this any defects found or disease noted can be corrected as soon as possible thereby enabling the child to grow up to be a healthy and sound individual.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Health and citizens of Hadley for their splendid cooperation in helping me to carry out my works as agent and sanitarian for the Board of Health. It must be remembered that although the agent and sanitarians job is to enforce the rules and regulations, a more important part of that same job is to give advise and assistance so the the residents of the Town of Hadley may have a clean healthy environment in which to live.

Respectfully submitted

JOHN MANLICH, JR.,

Agent and Sanitarian



## TOBACCO HARVEST FESTIVAL

The year 1951 was the year that brought out many events that required attention, that no one might foresee. When the Town was invited to participate in the Tobacco Harvest Festival, there appeared to be no active effort on the members of the Tobacco Associates, to get the ball rolling. On invitation of the Mass. promoter, Mr. George Zagrodnik, the chairman of the board, attended with others, a meeting in Connecticut concerning the affair and much information was given out. Mr. Joseph Tudryn



one of the Associate directors and a Selectmen pledged the support of Hadley in promising a float for the Parade.

The fact that the unfavorable Harvest season prolonged the harvest of the tobacco crop, many people were tied up for along time with no hours to give to the preparation of Hadley's float, we had a hard time getting started. Finally, the Selectmen called a meeting of the Finance Board and the Planning Board, and a few members of the Associates.

As a result of this meeting, a dance was held at the Hopkins gym, where a queen was selected and her attendents picked out.

The Planning Board managed the dance and the details of equipping the queen with necessary accoutrement, Mr. Chmura general chairman, supervised the building of the float together with the help of Roger Barstow. Mr. Anthony Blyda, invited to assist the committee, volunteered to raise the money for expenses, which he did so well that all expenses were paid and some money left to start next years float if there is one.

The Selectmen have to act as a chamber of commerce in helping out in many projects, but we feel that as long as this is to be a project of the Tobacco Associates, and they know that the event is coming this year in sufficient time to handle it, they should handle the affair, many who worked hard on this have no connection with the tobacco business.

It was particularly noticeable that the Mass. floats tried to promote tobacco, but the Connecticut floats emphasized the queen, so much so that if the float did not have the word tobacco on, it could not have been known that it was other than a Mardi Gras float. The parade was a grand success. Several things rankled, no Mass. Queen had a prayer of being elected to the queen's court.

We feel at least one Mass. Girl could have been allowed to be among the elite.

The Planning Board, John Mish Ch., Chester Kulikowski, Norman Allard, J. Marcus Dwyer and Mrs. Dwyer, Roger Barstow, the Finance Board, Ernest Hibbard, Donald Hazen, Joseph Kokoski, Anthony J. Blyda, the Gnatek Brothers, Anthony Kowal, Joseph Zatyrrka, and the Selectmen with Mr. Chmura General Chairman all pushed to place Hadley in the parade and Queen Contest.

We learned much that will be helpful for future committees, certainly with the tobacco production such a major activity in the Hadley farm life, what ever can be done to publicize the product, especially from the production end is of importance.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## School Committee



## Town of Hadley

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1951



# School Committee

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John T. Martula, Chairman	Term expires 1953
Edward Podolak	Term expires 1954
Raymond Shipman	Term expires 1952

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert F. Savitt

59 Memorial Drive, Amherst      Tel. Amherst 1323-M  
Office: Hooker School, Hadley      Telephone 921  
Office hours: 8:45 to 10:30 and by appointment

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 1952

January 2, 1952—Schools reopen  
February 15, 1952—Schools close at end of day for  
mid-winter vacation  
February 25, 1952—Schools reopen  
April 10, 1952—Schools close at end of day for Spring  
vacation (includes Good Friday)  
April 21, 1952—Schools reopen  
May 30, 1952—No school—Memorial Day  
June 6, 1952—Elementary schools close  
June 13, 1952—Hopkins closes  
September 3, 1952—Schools open  
October 13, 1952—No school—Columbus Day  
November 26, 1952—Schools close at noon for Thanks-  
giving recess  
December 23, 1952—Schools close at end of day for  
Christmas vacation

## SCHOOL BUDGET 1952

### General Control:

School Committee, Expense	\$225.00	
Superintendent Salary	4,501.00	
Superintendent Expense	165.00	
Office Supplies	75.00	
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### Instruction:

Teachers' Salaries	68,210.00	
Humane Education	150.00	
Substitutes	600.00	
Prof. Improvement and Teachers' Travel	500.00	
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Textbooks and Supplies		6,495.00

### Operation:

Janitors	6,264.00
Janitors' Supplies	875.00
Fuel	5,100.00
Water	175.00
Light	1,800.00
Telephone	350.00

### Maintenance, Replacement and Repairs:

High	1,075.00	
Elementary	900.00	
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Grounds	650.00	
Trees	100.00	

### Outlay:

Audio-Visual Aids	239.25	
Voc. H. Arts	130.00	
Commercial Dept.	235.00	
Elementary	390.00	
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Auxiliary :	
Libraries	200.00
School Nurse	1,200.00
School Physician	500.00
Transportation	6,620.00
Insurance	1,894.21
Special Revolving Funds	
Band and Choir	1,144.00
Athletics	565.00
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	\$111,327.46

#### Increase and Decrease from 1951

Increases	
General Control	444
Instruction	5,460
Supplies	695
Janitors' Salary	616
Janitors' Supplies	150
Fuel	620
Electricity	725
Telephone	30
Outlay	124.25
Transportation	500
Insurance	144.21
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	9,508.46
New Revolving Funds	
Band	1,144
Athletics	565
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	1,709
Total Increases	11,217.46
Decreases	
Maintenance	325

Cafeteria	1,000
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	1,325.
Increase	11,217.46
Decrease	1,325.00
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	\$9,892.46
1952 Request	111,327.46
1951 Approp.	101,435.00
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Net Increase	9,892.46

### NOTES ON SCHOOL BUDGET

The school budget has been increased \$9,508.46 over last year.

The main reasons for this increase are as follows:

1. The budget request for instruction is \$5,460 more than last year; \$2,050 of this amount is due to step-rate increases voted to be effective September 1, 1951, for payment of six tenths of salary of a new fourth grade teacher, and for higher salary that had to be paid certain new teachers. \$2,200 is due to \$100 raise voted 17 teachers and three principals, and \$200 raise voted one teacher effective January 1, 1952. \$960 is due to anticipated step-rate increases, effective September 1, 1952. \$150 extra is included for substitutes this year.

2. Increased operation costs have resulted in large part from the Hooker addition, and fuel and electricity items have been raised in terms of last year's costs.

3. Transportation costs have increased (gas, oil) and more repair is needed as buses get older.

4. Supply costs have increased 5 — 15% in the last year.



5. The total salary of the school supt. will come from town appropriation rather than having \$400 of his salary come from the cafeteria fund as in the past.

# NET COST TO THE TOWN FOR SCHOOLS DURING 1951

## ESTIMATED COST TO THE TOWN FOR SCHOOLS IN 1952

<i>Comperative Cost</i>	1952	1951
General School Budget	111,327.46	101,435
Special Articles	1,700	1,000
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	113,027.46	102,435
	Estimated	
<i>State Return and Other Income</i>	1952	1951
Chapter 70, School Aid	25,701.94	25,419.45
Transportation	4,200.00	3,743.85
Vocational Household Arts	2,175.00	1,982.71
Tuition Receipts	945.52	2,013.50
Transp. of State & Boston Wards	94.56	137.40
Federal Funds	127.92	127.92
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	33,244.94	33,424.83

*Note*—Estimated increase in School Aid— Transportation, V.H. Arts, reimbursement is offset by great decrease in estimated tuition receipts.

### *Amount to be Raised by Local Taxation*

Total Appropriation	113,027.46	102,435.00
Estimated non-local tax receipts	33,244.94	33,424.83
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	79,782.52	69,010.17

Estimated Net increase to Town  
for support of schools in 1952      Approx. 10,772.35

*Note*—About 30% of the proposed budget would be reimbursed to the Town by the state or other outside agencies.

Proposed Special Article (to be voted separate from regular budget)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen hundred dollars (\$1,700.00) for the puprose of painting the exterior of the Hopkins Gymnasium, the exterior of the Hopkins Vocational Household Arts cottage, and for covering the area over the gymnasium dressing rooms with a gravel roof.

#### HADLEY STAFF 1951-52

##### *Superintendent*

Robert F. Savitt

##### *Hopkins Academy*

Fred Riel

Principal, Mathematics

Fanny Allen

Latin, French

Katherine Dwyer

History, Biology

Harold Hall

Bookkeeping, Science, Mathematics

• John Harrington

English

Mary Kennedy

Commercial

Joann Taugher

Home Economics

##### *Russell School*

James English

Principal, Grade VIII

Alice Lawrence

Grade VI

Helen Nash

Grade VII

Dorothy Russell

Grade V

##### *Hooker School*

Mildred Pierce

Principal, Grade III

Ruth Brown

Grade IV

Eleanor Burke

Grade II

Ruth Manchester

Grade III

Elvira Reardon	Grade IV
Patricia Reynolds	Grade I
Mabel Van Petersilge	Grade II
Clementine Wanczyk	Grade I

*North Hadley School*

Richard Desjarlais	Principal, Grades V and VI
Anne Guiheen	Grades III and IV
Margaret Smith	Grades I and II

*Kindergarten*

Frances Sheehan

SUPERVISORS

Charles B. Farnam	Vocal and Instrument Music
Florence Utley	Drawing

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. M. T. Kennedy

11 Middle Street, Hadley Telephone 3020

SCHOOL NURSE

Marion Holmes, R. N.

29 Harrison Avenue, Northampton Telephone 3759-W

ATTENDANCE SUPERVISOR

John Kowal

61 Russell Street Telephone 2269-W

JANITORS

Stanley Uchneat	Hopkins Academy
David Babb	North Hadley
Joseph Drozdal	Russell School & assist. at Hopkins
John Kowal	Hooker School & asst. at Hopkins

## BUS DRIVERS

Joseph Drozdal—Town-owned bus—northern section of town

John Klimoski—Privately-owned bus—East Hadley and southern section of town

John Kowal—Town-owned bus—northern section of town

## CAFETERIA

Robert F. Savitt	Supervisor
Elizabeth Hibbard	Manager
Louise Meakim	Employee
Jane Drabek	Employee
Jean Mushenski	Employee
Louise Horton	Employee

# Report of School Committee

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To the Citizens of Hadley :

For a more detailed report of the educational activities in our Hadley Schools, your attention is directed to the reports of the Superintendent, the Principals of the Schools, and the Supervisors of the various departments.

Some of the achievements and events worthy of mention occurring during 1951 are as follows :

The Hooker School addition was opened early in January to provide additional facilities for the over crowded conditions in the elementary grades. A formal dedication of the building was held in May. A feature of this addition is the cafeteria which serves warm wholesome meals for more than 300 pupils daily.

In complying with the request of the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, the following temporary repairs have been made to the Hopkins Academy building :

- a.) Loose plaster has been removed and replaced.
- b.) Assembly room floor strengthened.
- c.) An additional egress to the second floor has been constructed.
- d.) Boiler was inclosed.
- e.) Roof repaired.
- f.) Stair treads and landings replaced.

The present policy of the School Committee in regard to married teachers is to consider them on an equal basis with all other teachers.

In line with the past policy of making one major improvement each year that is necessary in our school plant, the committee is requesting under a separate article, funds for the painting of the exteriors of the Hopkins Gymnasium, the Household Arts Cottage, and the repairs to the gymnasium roof.

In view of the rising costs of school supplies, maintenance, etc., and the increase in teachers salaries, the school budget for 1952 will of necessity be greater than the budget of the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. MARTULA

RAYMOND D. SHIPMAN

EDWIN M. PODOLAK



# Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Hadley :

I submit herewith my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Hadley :

## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

	Kindergarten	Hooker	No. Hadley	Russell	Hopkins	Total
Kindergarten	32					32
Grade I		36	10			46
Grade II		47	12			59
Grade III		47	5			52
Grade IV		42	13			55
Grade V			9	28		37
Grade VI			10	29		39
Grade VII				39		39
Grade VIII				33		33
Grade IX					17	17
Grade IX					27	27
Grade XI					25	25
Grade XII					24	24
	32	172	59	129	93	485

## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

At the present time, with only one exception, our school children are being adequately housed. The pres-

ent grade seven contains 39 pupils in one room which results in a far from satisfactory teaching situation.

The Hooker addition has relieved the crowded conditions on the elementary level and has made possible smaller classes in the lower double grade rooms at North Hadley. Elementary housing should provide no problem in the foreseeable future.

However, the outlook for adequately housing our secondary school enrollment in the years immediately ahead is far from bright, with the "pinch" coming first in grades 7 and 8 in Russell school and later in Hopkins.

Following is a projected enrollment for our secondary schools:

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Hopkins
1952	39	39	102
1953	37	39	110
1954	55	37	128
1955	52	55	148
1956	59	52	170
1957	46	59	183
1958			203
1959			212

#### CHANGES IN PERSONNEL:

##### Hopkins Academy

John Harrington, vice Agnes Wilczynski, resigned

##### Russell School

James English, vice Evelyn Hubbard, resigned

##### Hooker School

Eleanor Burke, vice Helen Antilla, resigned

Ruth Manchester, vice Virginia Lee, resigned

##### North Hadley

Richard Desjarlais, vice Robert Perry, resigned

Margaret Smith, vice Helen O'Gara, resigned

##### New teacher for new room

Elvira Reardon, grade 4, Hooker school

At the present time only one room is available for grade 7 and one room for grade 8. For the years 1952 and 1953 more than 35 pupils will have to be accommodated in one room in each grade. This can be done although that number prohibits the individual help and attention so vital to pupils in the intermediate grades. However, in September 1954, 55 pupils will report to grade 7 and additional facilities must be found for grade 7. The following year will find more than 50 pupils in grades 7 and 8 and at least two classrooms more than those presently being utilized must be available.

In the past Hopkins Academy has handled many more pupils than the present enrollment. However, attention must be called to the fact that the high school enrollment will more than double within eight years. If the town reaches a point where they are seriously considering the possibility of building a new high school, the necessity of providing additional rooms for grades 7 and 8 must be considered also.

## REVISED SALARY SCHEDULE FOR TEACHERS

The school committee revised the salary schedule after careful consideration following the presentation of requests by the Teachers' Association and recommendations by the superintendent.

The new salary schedule follows :

Step	No Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree
1	2300	2300	2400
2	2350	2400	2500
3	2400	2500	2600
4	2500	2600	2700
5	2600	2700	2800

6	2600	2900	2900
7	2800	2900	3000
8	2900	3000	3100
9	3000	3100	3200
10	3100	3200	3300

Non-degree teachers with ten years of experience will be placed on Bachelor's degree schedule.

The salaries of Principals, Supervisors, Special and Part Time teachers shall be determined by the school committee. The following maximums have been adopted—music supervisor, \$4,000, Hopkins principal, \$3,500 plus house.

Annual step rate increases are not automatic but are based upon continued successful teaching, subject to recommendation by the superintendent and approval by the school committee. These step-rate increases are further dependent upon the teacher earning at least four (4) semester hours' credit for approved professional study every three (3) years.

I consider the following as professional values that should result from the school committee action in revising the schedule.

1. Increases in salary for the vast majority of the staff in line with what the school committee considered the town could afford (\$100 rate increases to 23 staff members)

2. Improvement on the salary schedule at all levels of preparation (Bachelor and Master's minimum increased \$100 and maximum \$100. No degree schedule minimum increased \$300 and maximum \$200)

3. Recognition by the school committee of the value and extent of professional work that has been done by staff members.

4. Continuance of annual step-rate increases based on successful teaching, and the taking of professional courses.

5. Provision of maximum salary on certain special positions sets those positions upon a professional basis rather than a year-to-year arrangement.

6. Provides a better basis for future improvement of the salary schedule in terms of securing a professional pay-rate commensurate with ability, preparation and experience.

7. Provides a better opportunity for Hadley to obtain and retain good teachers.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Many professional activities have been carried on by the Hadley teachers and principals in the last year. It is hoped and expected that the results of the many meetings held will provide a better and more meaningful education for the children under our charge during the years ahead. We have been extremely careful not to change existing policies and practices that have been working out well. We have confined our activities in attempting to modify only those practices and policies which we felt could be improved. A major aim has been to provide a uniform curriculum in the North Hadley and center schools.

Curriculum revision is one area in which most of the teachers have participated. Early in the year, the elementary teachers expressed a need for reorganization of the reading program toward the end that definite standards of achievement would be set up as objectives in the elementary grades. In the future, elementary teachers will have a definite indication of what is expected in the way of achievement on the part of their pupils in the reading field. This revision of the



reading curriculum has taken into account suggestions made in the Massachusetts Elementary Curriculum Guide. The arithmetic curriculum has also been revised and a new arithmetic series has been introduced in grades 3 through 8 this year. After several meetings and extensive textbook survey, the elementary teachers recommended a new series that provides arithmetic training which is considered better adapted to the individual needs of the pupils in the Hadley schools. Curriculum revision has also taken place in the field of elementary social studies. A unified social studies course has been inaugurated which includes a modern approach to the traditional subjects of history and geography in that these two subjects will be fused into a unified social studies course. Again, the course of adopted is closely related to the recently Massachusetts Curriculum Guide for intermediate grades which was compiled after years of study. The course of study adopted for Hadley is expected to give social studies pupils the most up-to-date approach in this vital area.

The second major professional activity that was carried on in the Hadley schools 1950-1951 was the preparation for the introduction of new courses. A course in Guidance in grades 7 and 8 and to all high school pupils is offered this year. The 7 and 8 grade courses is concerned mainly with the problems of adolescence as well as aiding in the selection of pupil subjects in high school. The high school course in guidance is largely concerned with vocations and in this regard pupils will have an opportunity to explore the job possibilities open to them, and will have an opportunity to check their abilities against the requirements of these positions. A new science course is being offered in grade 8 this year. This course will better prepare elementary pupils for science courses which they will take during the high school years. Experience courses are being offered to 7 and 8 grade boys in agriculture and 7 and



8 grade girls in Home Economics. A First Aid course has been started for Hopkins freshmen.

The third major area of activities of Hadley teachers has taken place in the field of schedule reorganization. The Hadley school committee approved an extension of the school day in Hopkins Academy from 2:20 - 2:40 which is the time all other Hadley schools now close. This provides enough additional time to allow a one hour activity period each day in the high school. The high school schedule has been reorganized so that band may meet two hours per week without interfering with any academic subjects. Also, this schedule reorganization has made possible time within the school day for class meetings and home room meetings which were difficult to arrange under the old schedule. Students not in the band have an opportunity to join in an expanded club program which will give them an opportunity to develop within hours an interest in hobbies of their choice. Also, possible under this reorganization is the dividing of the Junior English class into two sections; for those preparing to go to college and for those who are not preparing for college.

Schedule reorganization in the intermediate grades 5 through 8 has consisted of providing a band period that will not conflict with academic subjects and also, for the inauguration and expansion of a club program. The subject fields in grades 5 through 8 have been set up so that teaching is done in the major areas of language arts, social studies, mathematics, and science, rather than in 11 or 12 minor compartments of these large subject areas.

A fourth major professional activity carried on by Hadley teachers this year has been a revising of the marking system. In this regard, many meetings have been held during the year with teachers and principals

participating. Valuable ideas were also received from parents who answered a questionnaire on report cards sent to them. As a result, a new type of report card has been adopted. In this report card, the school staff tries to tell parents the things they think the parents want to know about their child's progress. The work the child is doing is compared with that normally made by pupils in his grade. Also, rated is the work the child is doing in comparison with what teachers think he is capable of accomplishing. The cards also include some indication of personal qualities demonstrated during school hours as well as a listing of the extra-curricula activities in which the child has successfully participated. A record of attendance and health conditions, and school teachers' comments round out what should be a pretty detailed description of what the child is doing in school. A space is provided on the report card for comments by parents when the card is returned to school. The high school marking system has been revised also so that in addition to a mark in achievement, the pupil will also be rated on his attitude toward school work and also a written report will be sent in special cases. A greater opportunity is also provided for personal conferences between parents and teachers. Several parents expressed satisfaction with the new cards after they were first distributed in November.

The fifth professional activity engaged in has been the recommending of rules on school policy by the administrative committee consisting of the four principals and the superintendent. This committee has drawn up rules and regulations on various school matters concerning teachers and pupils. Among the matters considered this year have been a policy on retention and promotion of pupils, the limits of corporal punishment, sick leave for teachers, teacher ethics, professional improvement, honor roll standards, and several related topics. This

committee forwarded their recommendations to the school committee for approval. Once approved, copies of the new policies were distributed to teachers so all became familiar with the new regulations.

A sixth field of professional activity has been a consideration of an expanded testing program for Hadley pupils. All first graders will be given an intelligence test shortly after entrance. It is planned to administer intelligence tests in grades 2, 4, 7 and 10. The elementary Iowa test of basic skills which is diagnostic in nature will be administered to pupils in grades 3 through 8 in the Fall of each year so teachers will have some ideas of phases of work needing remedial attention. In the high school, the Iowa test of educational development will be continued and in conjunction with the guidance course, a test of aptitude and interest will be given. It is also hoped that this expanded testing program will provide teachers, pupils and parents with some comprehensive information relative to the students' qualifications and promise.

A final area of professional study has been concerned with the setting up a cumulative record system in the Hadley schools. Each September, cumulative folders will be made up for every pupil in the system. These folders will follow the child from the first grade to the 12th and in these folders will be placed pertinent information regarding the child's scholastic achievement, interest, health condition, test results and further data that will provide teachers and future employers with accredited information regarding the child. Such a folder should prove invaluable in grade 8 when the child and the parent are considering courses to select in the high school and should further provide a source for reference if requested.

The professional activities described above have only been possible with the help and cooperation of every

teacher in the system. Long hours of meetings and individual study have gone into this work. This study of curriculum revision, new courses, schedule reorganizations, revised marking system, expanded test program and administrative committee recommendations are expected to pay off with a better education for Hadley children in coming years. Though a great deal has been done this year there is much left to do in the year ahead. These things include a study of the curriculum in the high school, with emphasis in providing courses better adapted for the child who is not preparing for college.

Also curriculum revision in the fields of elementary, language arts will be given consideration. The field of audio-visual aids in the classroom is another area that needs further stress, including increased use of educational films, slide films, recording devices and other teaching aids. Mr. Desjarlais has been appointed Audio-Visual Aids director and is stimulating activity along that line.

This past year then might well be considered as a year of laying the ground work and 1952 might be thought of as a year of putting into practice, policies and procedures previously described and implementing innovations in other areas where it is necessary.

### THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

One of the most successful projects undertaken this past year has been the school cafeteria. Opening in February, the cafeteria was well supported from the start. Parents were quick to realize the advantage of providing a hot, nutritious noon meal for the children at a reasonable price.

The new cafeteria, located in the Hooker Addition, serves about 300 pupils each day. Pupils from Hooker,

Russell and Hopkins eat in the cafeteria and food is transported to North Hadley school. Hadley school children receive a scientifically balanced meal daily, and many are now eating foods that they would not eat before. Valuable social training is provided by eating with others.

Under the expert managership of Mrs. Elizabeth Hibbard, and her competent, hard-working helpers, the cafeteria has shown a profit for the period February-December 1, 1951.

The profit and loss statement follows:

Profit and Loss Statement  
February 5, 1951 — November 30, 1951  
(132 Serving Days)

Income

Lunchroom Sales	10,665.28
U.S.D.A. Claims Received	2,176.72
U.S.D.A. Claims Expected	1,090.93
All other Cash Income	14.89

Total Cash Income	13,947.82
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Expenses

Food	9,195.74
Labor	4,150.41
Operating Expenses (gas, Laundry, equip, etc.	947.78

Total Expenses	14,293.93
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Ending Inventory

(Deduction from Expenses)	795.06
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Net Expenses	13,498.87
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Net Profit	448.95
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As of December 1, the cafeteria had a net worth of \$1,448.95 which included \$448.95 profit and \$1,000.00 town appropriation. No additional money is being asked from the town this year as at present the cafeteria is self-supporting. This is made possible by careful management, reimbursement of \$.09 per meal from the federal government, surplus commodities furnished by the federal government and the support of the cafeteria by the many pupils buying tickets.

## THE SECONDARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROBLEM

A committee appointed at Town meeting has investigated various solutions to the problem posed by the need for extensive repair in Hopkins Academy. The representative group of town officials, school departments' officials and appointed citizens has discovered that there is no easy solution to the most important school housing problem Hadley has had to face in its recent history.

Elsewhere in the town reports will be found a detailed description of the activities of this committee. However, I wish to take this opportunity to compliment the citizens on this committee for their conscientious service. Attendance has been exceptionally good at the numerous meetings.

The Department of Public Safety has already forcibly pointed out to the town the structural inadequacy of the Hopkins building. Emergency repairs made have been sufficient to warrant a temporary building permit until February, 1952. At the time, the repairs were made, they were designed to take care of only the most pressing needs. It was felt unwise to expend a large sum for extensive repairs before the town had decided whether or not they would build a new school.

As superintendent, I would be remiss in my duty, if I did not point out the educational inadequacy of the



present structure. The high school principal described these inadequacies in detail in his town report last year. These inadequacies can be expected to multiply in the years ahead with the enrollment due to be doubled in seven years. Suffice to say that in terms of any modern set of standards if our youngsters continue to get the good education they have received in the past, it will be in spite of the limited facilities provided, and not because of the facilities provided.

It must also be reemphasized that one room per grade can not much longer accommodate the 7th and 8th graders in Russell school. Any contemplated building program should take into account the enrollments of over 50 per grade that can be expected to reach grade seven and eight within the next three years. Consequently, a six year high school should be given serious consideration if the town should appoint a building committee.

All indications point to the fact that Hadley citizens wish to keep the high school within the confines of the town. If that be the case, then there are two choices—major repair and renovation in Hopkins as recommended by the Department of Public Safety, or the construction of a new building. Regarding the latter, there is no doubt that construction of a new building would be an expensive proposition for the Town, particularly since no state aid has been promised. If state aid (amounting to about 40% of construction and equipment costs) could be secured, the town might look more favorably on the prospect of constructing an economical school plant without costly frills.

Hadley voters will have to make a decision on the solving of this pressing secondary school building problem, in the not-too-distant future. Any decision reached should take into consideration the educational needs of

future generations in Hadley, as well as the financial welfare of the town.

## Repairs and Maintenance

A thorough check was made of the school plant this fall and it is planned to complete the following work during the coming year.

### Maintenance (Repairs-replacement)

#### *High*

##### V.H. Arts

Support of floor, wall covering, linoleum, sink, chimney repairs, bell, misc.

#### *Hopkins*

Shades in school and gym, girls' dressing room repair, roof repair, assembly room, roof repair over gym floor, window frames, repair doors in gym, bulletin board material, etc.

#### *Elementary*

##### Russell

Add lights in dressing room, shades, bulletin board material, bicycle stand, lumber for store room, misc.

#### *Hooker*

New bell needed in old section, lighting for basement stairs, repair toilets in old section, misc.

#### *North Hadley*

Brick work around building, repair of stair treads leading to girls' basement, shades, repair of warped flooring in grade 3 and 4 room, bulletin board material, painting and wall patching in newly developed recreation room, misc.

Only repairs absolutely necessary for health, safety, and comfort of pupils in Hopkins have been included

until such time as the town makes a decision on the future use of that building.

Voters will be asked at the coming election to vote on a special article for the appropriation of \$1,700 for the purpose of painting of the exterior of the Hopkins gym and V.H. arts cottage, and for covering the area over the gym dressing rooms with a gravel roof.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

1952 has been an important and interesting year for the Hadley School Department.

The Hooker School Addition was formally opened, and Hadley now boasts of as fine first and second grade rooms as any community in the country. The cafeteria and recreation room provide our children with the many advantages that these special facilities afford. A state construction grant of \$51,939.84 has been made to Hadley for this addition.

The classrooms continue to be manned by competent teachers, including several newcomers who have indicated their ability to provide a worthwhile education for the children of the community.

Parts of the curriculum have been revised, and certain schedule adjustments made in hopes of providing subjects and time allotments for activities that would add up to a well-rounded education for the pupils.

Every effort has been made to keep the parents and taxpayers of the town aware of school problems. An open school committee meeting was held on the school budget, and the opinions of parents were requested when report cards were revised.

Despite efforts to keep expenses down, school costs soared and a record budget had to be requested for

1952. Increased prices of equipment, supplies and maintenance caused fiscal problems. Teachers' salaries were raised in line with a new state law on minimum salaries ,and because Hadley had to provide a professional pay-rate if it hoped to compete for good teachers with other communities.

The Hopkins building problem remains unsolved although a hard-working citizens committee has been attempting to find a practical solution, and have made a recommendation for a new building if state aid is assured.

The Hadley pupils have distinguished themselves in sports, in music, in dramatics and in the classroom. "The Hadley Spirit" of which we are so proud, has shown through on more than one occasion these past twelve months as our pupils have demonstrated their ability to compete with pupils from any school—no matter how large.

The school committee has attempted to meet its great responsibilities with wisdom and fairness for all concerned and have helped the pupils greatly by their votes of support for many worthwhile school projects. Though the many controversial matters that must be voted cannot be settled to the pleasure of everyone, thoughtful consideration has always been given to each side of the issue.

As superintendent for more than a year, I have come to appreciate the general support given to our school system by community members. The tax burden for support of schools is great, and the responsibility is also great for using these funds in the best way possible for educational purposes.

I have enjoyed my associations with the pupils, staff, school committee and citizens of Hadley this past year,

and look forward to working cooperatively with these groups in the year ahead toward the end that the youth of Hadley will receive an effective and well-rounded education.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT F. SAVITT

Supt. of Schools

# Report of Principal of Hopkins Academy

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Mr. Robert Savitt  
Superintendent of Schools  
Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I am submitting herewith my third annual report as Principal of Hopkins Academy.

The most important principle, I believe, in the preparation of an annual report is that the public has a right to know what our school is doing, and it is with this thought in mind that I prepare again some simple answers to what I assume would be natural questions from our interested townspeople. In other words, I believe that if the citizens are at all curious about the high school, and if they are inclined to ask any questions they usually want to know something about the following.

1. What has the school done during the past year?

2. What is the school planning to do next year?

With these thoughts in mind, I will submit the following information.

## HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

In September, 1951, we had an enrollment of 95 pupils. Our September enrollment was as follows.

Class	Boys	Girls	Totals
Class	10	8	18
Sophomore	9	20	29
Junior	6	18	24
Senior	10	14	24
	—	—	—
	35	60	95



## PUPIL MORTALITY

We have had a net loss of 3 pupils since school opened in September. Five pupils left school, and two have entered. The following reasons were attributed to the withdrawal of the five who left school.

Had reached the age of 16 ..... 1

Transfers ..... 4

## ENROLLMENT BY SUBJECTS

The following table shows the subjects offered in our school, the distribution of students by subjects, the number of boys and girls enrolled in each course, and the total number of pupils registered in each department.

### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

	Boys	Girls	Total
English I	10	8	18
English II	9	20	29
English III	6	18	24
English IV	10	14	24
	—	—	—
Total	35	60	95

### MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Elementary Algebra	4	6	10
Intermediate Algebra	3	4	7
Plane Geometry	2	10	12
Review Math. and Trig.	4	2	6
Commercial Arithmetic	8	7	15
	—	—	—
Total	21	29	50

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Latin I	4	5	9
Latin II	3	4	7
French I	4	6	10
French II	1	8	9
French III	3	1	4
	—	—	—
Total	15	24	39

## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

General Science	6	6	12
Biology	9	20	29
Physics	9	8	17
	—	—	—
Total	24	34	58

## SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

U. S. History	6	18	24
Civics and World History	11	7	18
Problems of Democracy	5	5	10
	—	—	—
Total	22	30	52

## HOME ECONOMICS

Fresh. and Soph.	0	4	4
Juniors and Seniors	0	12	12
	—	—	—
Total	0	16	16

## COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

Comm. Geography and Law	12	14	26
Bookkeeping	12	13	25
Stenography I	0	8	8
Stenography II and Office Prac.	0	5	5

Typing I	8	20	28
Typing II	2	9	11
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Total	34	69	103

#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Band	9	30	39
Chorus	20	34	54
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Total	29	64	93

#### SCHOLARSHIP

I am pleased to report that Hopkins Academy is still rated as a Class "A" school, and that we enjoy all the certificate privileges which are granted to any public high school. Certain colleges accept the achievement record of students with certification grades without further question as to the entrance qualifications. However, certain graduates are compelled to take College Entrance Examinations because they do not have certifying grades or they want to attend colleges which require College Entrance Board examinations regardless of previous educational opportunities or academic grades.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In my introduction I stated that I felt that one of the things that should be included in an annual report was, what has the school done during the past year. From a physical standpoint much has been done at Hopkins Academy.

Adequate lighting has been provided by means of fluorescent lights. New ceilings have been installed in the hall and all the rooms on the second floor. New stair treads have been laid between the first and second

floors, to replace the old ones. The boiler has been encased by a brick fire wall. New fire walls have been put in the halls on the second floor. Another means of agress has been made in room E. A fire escape from the second floor has been erected. It is now possible to empty the entire second floor by means of this fire escape. The bad leak in the roof has been repaired.

### NEW COURSES ADDED TO CURRICULUM

1. A First-aid course for the Freshmen
2. A coures in Guidance which takes in every student in the High school.
3. English III class has been separated into two sections to provide for more specialized work.

Also new is the fact that the teachers have three meetings a month in which problems common to all are discussed. This time is also used to acquaint the teachers with new professional procedures and technique.

### EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

As in previous years our program of extra-curricular activities has actively functioned and has played an important part in the development of the entire personality of the student. We take much pride in the fact that a large number of students are engaged in one or more activities in diversified ways.

The Senior class presented as its annual play "The Seven Sisters." The production was very successful. A large cast performed a difficult play splendidly under the direction of Mr. Harrington.

The annual Lane Prize Speaking Contest under the capable leadership of Miss Allen attracted a large audience.

The Band made up of a large number of high school students under Mr. Farnums' direction had a busy year. Again this group won highest honors at the Eastern States Exposition.

The boys and girls Chorus, under the same capable leadership of Mr. Farnum had a successful year.

The entire student body participated in the activities of the University of Massachusetts Small School Tournament and while we were not successful in winning the tournament we feel that our students derived a great deal of benefits from this efficiently organized activity.

The soccer team under the leadership of Mr. Hall attained a record of 9 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss. This enviable record also won for us the Hampshire League Crown. The soccer team also participated in the Tournament held at the University of Massachusetts.

The basketball team had a successful season climaxed by participation in the Small School Tournament at Amherst.

The baseball team won the Hampshire League by defeating Deerfield High School in a play off game at the U. of M.

The Yearbook under the direction of Miss Dwyer and Mrs. Kennedy was unusually attractive and contained many new features.

The Tom-Tom, school paper, was published several times during the year.

Educational trips were taken to various points of interest.

The girls basketball team and cheerleading gave the girls an opportunity for interschool competition.

The Student Council took an active part in regulating school functions.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY

The second question that I mentioned in my introduction as being worthy of explaining to the public was, "What is the School Planning to do Next Year?" In answer to that I might say that we are planning to carry out all the normal activities mentioned in the above section under accomplishments. In addition, we have other projects in mind, among which is the matter of a school library. I am glad to see the rudiments of a library because I feel that the library has a place in a school as important as the gymnasium. I am sorry to state that although we have operated on a more efficient basis in many of our departments and activities, nevertheless, as far as our library has been concerned, the school has operated on what we might call "one-cylinder."

The need of supplementing our textbooks by adequate reference material has long been recognized not only by teachers of English and History, but also by teachers of all other departments in our schools. We should afford educational opportunities in our building for a broad basis of knowledge and for contributing to the student's powers of discrimination, appreciation and intelligent criticism by the advantage of library service.

Although the libraries of many high schools are excellent physically and are magnificently equipped, nevertheless, we are content to begin with the most meager equipment and inadequate accommodations, providing only the all-essential books are forthcoming wherewith we may build. The hall at the top of the East stairway which formerly led into the front of the front of the assembly room before the fire wall was



built has been reserved for our library facilities. The large bookcase from the front of the assembly room has been moved into this area. A fire screen will be installed. I believe that this location will be ideal, inasmuch as it will be on the second floor next to the study hall and will be easily accessible to all students without interfering with classes. This will give us the facilities for library service, and as I see it now the problem will be that of supplying books for definite reference work and the purchase of necessary supplies to make our library work worthwhile. Readings, essays and other assignments may be given which aim to awaken the pupil's interest in the world of action in which they must eventually take their place after high school course.

The library is our major project. However other projects such as curriculum study, evaluation of subjects and establishing school policies will also be undertaken.

## CONCLUSION

In closing, I want to express my appreciation of the good will and loyalty of the members of the faculty. I also wish to commend the students for their fine spirit and cooperation. We feel that, in training students, they should have in mind the fact that they are striving to become ladies and gentlemen first, and scholars secondly. The custodians have carried out their duties as conscientiously as in the past. I must also express my appreciation to the girls who have assisted me in the office. The co-operation and friendly attitude of the parents has been helpful in considering individual cases. I am very grateful to the members of the Board of Trustees of Hopkins Academy. I appreciate your interest and co-operation in matters that concern the education and happiness of our high school boys and girls during the year 1951.

In conclusion, may I add that I am conscious of the responsibilities entrusted to me in matters pertaining to the educational progress of the high school boys and girls of Hadley and I appreciate the confidence of the members of the School Committee and the Citizens of the Town of Hadley in this regard. I sincerely hope that my efforts during the ensuing year will warrant the same degree of confidence and appreciation which I have felt during the past.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. RIEL

Principal, Hopkins Academy

# Report of Principal of Russell School

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Superintendent of Schools  
Hadley, Massachusetts

I herewith submit my first annual report as Principal of Russell School.

The Russell Grammar School accommodates nearly all the fifth and sixth grade children (North Hadley excepted), and all the seventh and eighth grade pupils in the town of Hadley. At the present time one hundred and twenty-eight children are housed in four rooms—twenty-eight are in grade five, twenty-eight in grade six, forty in grade seven and thirty-two in grade eight. The 128 figure represents a drop of three from a high of 131 earlier this year.

It is generally conceded by educators that a class of not more than twenty-five pupils is ideal and that classes of more than thirty multiply the many teaching problems. Russell School expects to have about forty pupils in each of the seventh and eighth grade rooms next Fall. In addition the fifth grade room must accommodate the expected forty-two pupils who are now in two groups at the Hooker School.

This year, I think, has been one of progress for the school. There are regularly scheduled physical education classes for all the boys and girls. Academically, new courses have been added to the curriculum, and in addition opportunities have been provided for enriching experiences. The formation of a Student Council for the entire school is to be a Spring project.

The eighth grade now has a science course, ground-work for high school. Both the seventh and eighth grades participate in a guidance course. The seventh and eighth grade boys take part in an agricultural program, while the girls do work in home economics.

The Russell School boys also have an opportunity to play varsity sports. This year they had a 6-1 record in baseball and a 5-1-1 record in soccer. Basketball games are being scheduled with area teams.

Our recent magazine drive netted the school \$134.68. This year the money was used to purchase basketball uniforms. In the past the profits have been used to purchase audio-visual, dramatic, and athletic equipment.

In closing this report I wish to express my thanks to all who have in any way, contributed toward making the past year a success. It is only when all concerned are working for the best interests of the boys and girls that maximum potentials can be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. ENGLISH, JR.

Principal, Russell School

## Report of Supervisor of Music

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To the Superintendent of Schools, Hadley School Committee and the Citizens of Hadley:

The music department in the Hadley Schools System has had a most successful and progressive year despite the many changes in time allowed for instruction, and lack of funds and materials to work with.

The children from kindergarten up through the grades have acquired a greater knowledge of the fundamentals of music due to the advanced course of study being incorporated in the curriculum within the past three years, therefore enabling the child to understand what he is doing and why. This phase in turn creates a desire on the child's part to want to sing, play in the band, or both, and creates an early learning readiness.

The children in grades one and two in Hadley are fundamentally on a level with grades five and six in most communities.

Seasonal performances and entertainment was given publicly and in the respective home rooms throughout the year, and many extra curricular performances were rendered.

The Hopkins Girls' Choir consists of thirty three voices and have done themselves proud in their many appearances throughout the year, both in school activities and competition.

The Hopkins Boys' Choir has shown a real desire to sing, and I believe if they continue with this same desire

and enthusiasm, we will have an outstanding boys choir.

The Hadley Schools Band speaks for itself through their many achievements.

In 1951 the bands first appearance was at the University of Massachusetts for three nights with our excellent basketball team competing in the tournament. The band played a concert and featured the majorettes in baton swinging.

Second—A concert at Springfield College demonstrating the value of school music in the community.

Third—May Festival at Palmer. The Band received SUPERB rating, and a letter of special acknowledgement from the judge.

Fourth—A commercial engagement at Whately for Memorial Day observance for which they received \$125.00.

Fifth—Memorial Day parade and exercises at Hockanum, \$20.00.

Sixth—Memorial Day parade and exercises at North Hadley.

Seventh—Memorial Day parade and exercises at Hadley, receiving \$150.00 donation from the American Legion

Eighth—Spring Concert. Receipts \$850.

Ninth—Parade for the Holy Name Society of Florence to Look Park, \$25.00 received.

Tenth—Concert at Storowton

Eleventh—American Legion Carnival (Hadley). Received \$125.00.

Eleventh—Eastern States Exposition. (Governors' Day)

Thirteenth—Eastern States Exposition competition. They received First Award Trophy and \$25.00.



Fourteenth— Concert at Kimball Hotel for Massachusetts Parent-Teacher Association.

Fifteenth—Education Week Concert and presentation of Trophy.

Sixteenth—Christmas Concert—1951. Amount made \$585.00

At the Eastern States on Governors' Day, the band had the distinct honor of having Dr. Edwin Franko Goldman conduct them in one number, followed by a most complimentary speech to the band. The sincere remarks by Dr. Goldman were most gratifying and contributed to a great extent in inspiring the children to work for higher standard of culture through MUSIC.

The endeavors planned for the coming year are as follows:

A continuation of the same course of study as set up in the past three years.

April—Step sing by Russell School

April—Step sing by Hooker School

Junior band will play a concert preceding the Step sing

May—May Festival at Athol

May—Memorial Day parade and Exercises at Whately

May—Memorial Day parade and Exercises at Hocanum

May—Memorial Day parade and Exercises at Hadley

May—Memorial Day parade and Exercises at North Hadley

June—Concert at Storowton

June—Graduation at Hopkins

July—American Legion Lawn Party

September—Eastern States Exposition (Governors' Day Concert and parade through Coliseum)

September—Eastern States Band Competition

November—Education Week (Concert)

## December—Christmas Concert

The Junior Band of 54 members will play a concert in North Hadley sometime in January 1952, and will play again in the Spring.

The need for uniforms grows each year, and I wish to express my appreciation and the appreciation of the members in the band for the hard work now being done by the many groups and individuals to raise the necessary amount of money to purchase these uniforms.

I ask the same as last year, to have included in the town budget an amount of money to purchase one of the larger instruments each year. Although many members now own their own instrument, the larger instruments should be owned and maintained by the Music Dept.

I urge you to repair the instruments purchased from the War surplus department as we have enough new members to put them on these horns.

This one item will help solve a great deal of our instrument shortage, and save the department many hundreds of dollars.

The cost of these instruments to date is as follows:

Cost	\$94.00	
Estimated Repair Cost	675.00	
	<hr/>	\$679.00
Value of instruments after being repaired		
	\$4,500.00	
Estimated Repair Cost	769.00	
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Net Profit		\$3,731.00

The Band Parents Association members deserve a commendation for transporting children to and from rehearsals and many functions — strictly voluntary—. They have helped solve a transportation problem that was most awkward. My sincere thanks to the many

committees and individuals for their untiring efforts in working for this music move.

The committee promoting the Christmas Concert headed by Mr. Podolak has done a magnificent job.

I wish at this time to thank the School Board, Superintendent, Teachers, Principals and Children, also Mr. Uchneat, Mr. Kowal and Mr. Drozdal, all of whom have so willingly co-operated in all our endeavors.

Again I feel most gratified in knowing that so many in Hadley are endorsing the teaching of a worthwhile subject in promoting a higher standard of cultural living through music.

I raised my aim last year, and feel through our co-operated efforts, we reached that level. This year I am again raising them to a still higher plane and know that with the same effort we will continue to rise socially, culturally, and economically through the medium of music.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES B. FARNHAM  
Supervisor of Music

# Report of Audio-Visual Director

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December 18, 1951

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I submit to you my report of the Audio-Visual Aids Department of the Hadley Schools for the months of September through December of the school year 1951-1952.

This fall an organized audio-visual aids program was inaugurated in the Hadley School System. Audio-visual aids have been used before in the Hadley Schools but on a very limited scale. The primary purpose of this departmentalization was to determine the extent of the present audio-visual setup and to determine what steps would be needed in the future to insure an adequate, efficient, audio-visual aids program.

A comprehensive survey and inventory undertaken in the early fall showed the following equipment and material to be on hand:

2 Sound motion picture projectors (16mm)

Excellent condition

1 Tape recorder — Good condition

1 Recording tape — Poor condition

1 Film strip projector — Excellent condition

2 Portable projection screens — One in good condition  
One fair

1 Lantern slide projector — Fair condition (obsolete,  
may have limited application)

Approximately 120 Filmstrips — Good condition

This survey showed that although a good basic start had been made in securing vital audio-visual equipment, this equipment had not been utilized to anywhere near its fullest extent.

One of the major accomplishments of the audio-visual department has been to fully acquaint all of the teachers in the system with the equipment and material available to them. Instruction has been given to teachers in the use of the filmstrip projector. Further instructional classes are planned for the use and operation of the motion picture projector and the tape recorder.

Teachers in all schools, on all grade levels, have been urged to use all of the equipment that is on hand. Teacher response in some cases has been so strong that it was necessary to regularly schedule certain equipment so that each school would get equal benefit from the program.

The experience encountered in setting up this program have helped to indicate the areas that will need emphasis in the future. Two major areas in which we are very weak are: 1. 16 mm sound films and 2. filmstrips. At present we have no 16 mm sound films. Our supply of filmstrips is applicable mostly to grades 7-8.

The school committee has made allowances in the 1952 school budget for membership in the Western Mass. Educational Film Cooperative at the University of Mass. This involves the purchase of one sound film which will belong to the town of Hadley but will be in circulation in the Cooperative Library. This will entitle us to ten free rentals per year for as long as the film lasts or a minimum of five years. Allowance has also been made for the purchase of two filmstrip projectors and approximately forty-five film strips. It is felt that these very reasonable expenditures will help provide

the town of Hadley with a well balanced audio-visual program that will be of great benefit to the school children of all grade levels in all the schools in Hadley.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD E. DESJARLAIS

Audio-Visual Director



## YEARLY SALARY RATES

(Including raises and adjustments effective Jan. 1, '52)

Superintendent	
Robert F. Savitt	4,500
High School	
Fred Riel	3,500
Katherine Dwyer	3,000
Mary Kennedy	3,000
Joann Taughtner	2,300
Harold Hall	3,000
Fanny Allen	2,800
John Harrington	2,700
Music Supervisor	
Charles Farnam	4,000
Elementary	
James English	2,900
Florence Utley	2,700
Helen Nash	2,700
Alice Lawrence	2,600
Dorothy Russell	2,600
Mildred Pierce	2,900
Ruth Brown	2,600
Mabel VanPetersilge	2,600
Clementine Wanczyk	2,600
Elvira Reardon	2,500
Eleanor Burke	2,300
Patricia Reynolds	2,400
Ruth Manchester	2,300
Richard Desjarlais	2,700
Margaret Smith	2,500
Anne Guiheen	2,400
Kindergarten	
Frances Sheehan	1,650

Humane Education	
Mrs. Rhine	150
Janitors	
Stanley Uchneat	2,568
John Kowal	2,448
Joseph Drozdal	2,448
David Babb	600
Health	
Marion Holmes	1,200
Dr. Kennedy	500
Transportation	
John Klimoski, \$14 per day when schools are in session	
Cafeteria	
Manager	
Elizabeth Hibbard, \$85 bi-monthly when schools are in session	
Employees	
Jean Mushenski, \$5 per day when food is served	
Louise Meakim, \$5 per day when food is served	
Louise Horton, \$5 per day when food is served	
Jane Drabek, \$3.50 per two hour day plus overtime (includes use of car)	
Substitute rate — \$7.50 per day	

Teachers are granted a maximum of \$75 per year for professional improvement.

Expenses and transportation costs are allowed for teachers' conventions and meetings.

Town owned buses — \$5 per day charged for driver.

# School Health Report

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To the Superintendent and School Committee

Hadley, Massachusetts

## Foundation — Physical, Mental, Emotional Health

It is of value to think of Health as the condition of the body that makes possible the highest enjoyment of life.

For Youth it is important to have knowledge to note the value of the scientific factors that help build up resistance to infections that destroy normal health. Health is a science and as such should be studied carefully and practiced intelligently. Good Mental and Physical habits should extend from early youth to old age if one expects to enjoy the full reation of normal living.

All youth should pay attention to — Good Posture, Proper diet, Good eating habits, Exercise, Sleep, Rest, Recreation, Cleanliness.

The Modern School program is an important factor in enabling students to enjoy activities that create pleasure in normal habits of living and thinking. The practice and teaching of disease prevention is a definite factor in the Health Program and the Parents and children are very cooperative in the program. About 90% of pupils attending Hadley schools have been immunized against triple infection. The Dental Clinic held at the Hooker School was limited but the Clinic will be resumed later including the Russell and the North Hadley Students.

Several boys and girls attended the Hampshire County Camp during vacation and enjoyed the splendid health program and activities. The X-Rays of the Teachers and Employees of the Hadley Schools all reported Negative. The School appreciates the service given by the Hampshire County Health Association and the Red Cross for many aids that help the Health Program.

List of corrections :

Pupils receiving Dental Correction—(school)	21
Pupils receiving Dental Correction—(private)	8
Pupils receiving Visual correction	8
Pupils receiving Tonsilectomy	5
Pupils receiving Triple Immunization, pre-school	5
Pupils receiving Triple Immunization, Students	4
Pupils receiving Booster Immunization	28

The Health Teaching Program at the Hopkins Academy includes First Aid and Safety Classes, Personal Hygiene, Child Care and Care of the Sick in the Home.

My sincere appreciation is extended to School Physician, Teachers and Parents for their cooperation in the School Health Program.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIAN HOLMES, R. N.

School Nurse

# FINANCIAL FACTS — SCHOOL DEPT.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1951

Account	Purpose	Beginning Balance or Appropriation	Receipts	Expended	Balance
General	Operation of Schools	\$100,435.00	127.90	100,561.32	1.58
Hooker	Painting & Floor Tile	1,200.00		1,200	0.00
Sp. Art.	Const. Equip.	132,100.00		131,113.19*	986.81
Hooker	Addition	Total Appro. 10,000.00		3,755.74	6,244.26
Hopkins	Emergency Repairs	1,000.00	14,900.10	14,698.96	1,201.14
Sp. Article	Cafeteria Supplies	304.41	989.85	1,065.16	229.10
Revolving	High School Athletics				
Athletic	Band Equip.	0.00	987.57	903.74	83.83
Revolving	Operating Exp.				

\* This represents the total cost of the Hooker Addition including preliminary plans. A construction grant of \$51,939.84 has been made to the town of Hadley for the Hooker School Addition. This will be paid in ten equal annual payments in the amount of \$5,193.98 per payment. As a result of this state aid, the net cost to the town for the Hooker Addition will come to approximately \$80,173.35.

# Report of Principal of Hooker School

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To the Superintendent and Members of the School Committee

Hadley, Massachusetts

I submit my first annual report.

Following a very unusual year of interruptions because of construction, we are now enjoying a normal year at Hooker School. To our experienced and competent staff have been added three new teachers: Mrs. Elvira Reardon, Mrs. Eleanor Burke, and Mrs. Ruth Manchester.

Reading is by far the most important subject taught in the primary grades. The series we use, Scott Foresman, offers a very intensive program, including testing after each completed level. This is supplemented by the reading of other books. Each room also has its own library corner for individual reading.

In arithmetic, after careful study by all elementary teachers, last year, it was found advisable to select a new series. We are now using the Upton Arithmetic. At Hooker School, we are finding it very helpful in teaching this subject.

Social Studies offers the child the opportunity of working with groups. Correlated with Mrs. Utley's excellent guidance in art, many worthwhile projects are completed.

Lessons in thrift, the care of text books and other school furnishings are most important. A word in this regard from the parents now and then would be appreciated.



At all times, for his own good, the child should be aware of certain rules of safety as walking in halls and on stairs, and during a fire drill leaving the building in a quiet, orderly manner. We are all aware of the dangerous situation that exists at the intersection of Middle and Russell Streets at the traffic lights. Children have been instructed to use the push buttons for pedestrians. These have been discontinued. We sincerely hope they will be replaced very soon!

We have at Hooker School one of the finest playgrounds to be found in any town. Downstairs in the building is an excellent room, which may be used for recreational purpose, audio-visual aids and assemblies. It is in use continuously throughout the school day.

In comparison with the custom of eating lunches at noon on the desks in the school room we now go to the cafeteria where each child has opportunity of eating a hot, well-balanced lunch.

Children attend our schools primarily to acquire knowledge. Equally important is the ability to use that acquired knowledge correctly, to realize one's responsibility to the group, and, although the child may not always agree, to have respect for the rights of others. This is our aim at Hooker School.

To Mr. Savitt, my teachers, Mrs. Utley, Mr. Farnam and all others who in any way assist at Hooker School, my sincere thanks for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED PIERCE

Principal  
Hooker School

# Report of Principal of No. Hadley School

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December 18, 1951

To the Superintendent of Schools :

I submit to you my report for the months of September through December of the school year 1951-1952.

On the sixth of September the North Hadley Elementary School opened for the school year of 1951-1952 with an enrollment of fifty-nine students, including one State Ward. One late entry has increased this enrollment to sixty. The School committee appointed Mrs. Ralph Smith as teacher in Grades I and II, and Mr. Richard Desjarlais as principal and teacher in Grades V and VI. Miss Ann Guiheen was reappointed as teacher in Grades III and IV.

One of the most vital problems to me confronted at the North Hadley School is the feeling expressed by North Hadley parents and taxpayers that in the past pupils have not been faring as well as the children in Hadley center as far as the adequacy of the school plant and general educational facilities were concerned. Some of the ways in which the North Hadley Schools Staff has strived to eliminate any factors that may have served in the past to warrant such a claim described here.

First of all, the curriculum at the North Hadley School has been in constant revision for the past two years. Now all subject matter fields except Language Arts follow the same curriculum pattern and use the same textbooks and workbooks being used in the Hooker and Russell Schools. The standardization of the language arts curriculum is now under consideration.

Secondly, films and filmstrip have been recognized as valuable teaching aids by the North Hadley Staff. The

extensive use of these audio-visual aids in all grades from one through six in subjects such as arithmetic, science, spelling, reading, social studies, English Grammar, health, and music has engendered new interest and attitudes in the student body as a whole.

A third factor to be considered is the renovation of one section of the basement for use as a recreation room and handicraft shop. At present there are no facilities for indoor games or activities during inclement weather. The Hadley School Committee has granted an adequate sum in the 1952 school budget to pay for materials needed in this project. The members of the North Hadley P.T.A. have offered to do all the necessary work that this very worthwhile undertaking entails. The proposed area has adequate room for a maximum capacity of fifty or sixty youngsters with proper teachers supervision. Some of the activities planned for this area are ping pong, shuffle board, pool, puzzles, various electric games, monopoly, group games for the younger grades, model airplane building, crafts, and woodwork.

An effort has been made to instill an interest in intramural sports. Post season games in baseball and softball were played between teams of the North Hadley and Russell Schools early this fall. Plans are being made to expand this program in the spring to include teams from nearby town. The purpose of this program is to help instill a competitive spirit and a sense of fair play in the minds of the youngsters.

Still another area in which inequalities in the overall educational program have been lessened is evidenced in the successful continuation of the hot lunch program at the North Hadley School, with food transported from the Hooker Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted

RICHARD E. DESJARLAIS  
Principal, No. Hadley School

## Report of Art Supervisor

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To the Superintendent and Members of the School Committee,

Hadley, Massachusetts

The art program has been stepped up a great deal since September 1950. After being released from certain academic subjects, I have been able to devote more time to the teaching of art. This arrangement was imperative because of increased enrollment, which made some existing groups larger, and also because of the formation of additional classes.

In September kindergarten was added and two art clubs, one in Russell School and one in Hopkins Academy. North Hadley and Hooker children are visited each week, but in Russell School there is still much to be desired. The classes are too large to be carried on without separation of girls and boys, partially because the drawing room cannot accomodate so many, and secondly in very large classes, individual help cannot be given. This situation arises in grade five. A class of eighty minutes every other week has not proved satisfactory. If vacation, a holiday, or a change in schedule occurs, drawing is omitted with the result that some groups have art only once during such a month.

A more evenly balanced program may be carried on with the division of boys and girls in grades five through eight, as interests at that period begin to vary. In grades seven and eight most classes planned very greatly in type of work done.

The work in kindergarten since September has been most interesting and much development has been noticed.

Timidity seems to have vanished, and even the most shy child is anxious to try.

Russell Art Club has accomplished several projects. At the beginning of the year I felt this was an opportunity to do the work on scenery which had long been anticipated. However, the club members were not quite ready for such a big project, so for the time being the idea has been set aside once again. Children of that age are interested in accomplishing projects, the end of which can be seen in the immediate future. Therefore, for the Halloween Assembly, the club made signs to accompany the necessary properties and background. For the Thanksgiving Assembly the club made a Pilgrim backdrop by cutting out black silhouettes and pasting them on a white background. At present some members are working on personal Christmas gifts, designing various materials, making tree ornaments, while others are starting posters to be entered in the Scholastic Awards contest in March.

The Hopkins Art Club has spent three months of art appreciation. They have studied prehistoric cave paintings, the art of the European schools during the renaissance, and finally the colonial work. While studying the masterpieces of famous painters, development to the present time was noted. In December they made linoleum block prints for Christmas cards. Beginning in January when new media are received, they will work on oil painting and design.

An Art Exhibition scheduled to be held in May 1951, proved to be a disappointment as far as attendance was concerned. Those who did not see it missed some particularly fine work. Every child was represented in that exhibition in some way. The pupils had not worked solely for exhibition purpose, but were justly proud of work selected. Many people have requested that the exhibition remain open a longer period so that those who



may view it in the evening. Such a plan is being considered.

It seems plausible to believe that the enthusiasm shown when the supervisor enters the room is due to the children's anticipation of surprise, and variation in lessons taught. These variations include crayon, pencil, charcoal, chalk drawings, tempera, water color and finger paint for mediums, done with brushes, sponges, smudges, sticks, nails, screws, corks and clothespins. Other activities include paper tearing, paper cutting, design, crafts of many kinds, tmepola, crayola,, papier mache', felt, and block printing using old tire tubes, linoleum, potatoes, wooden blocks.

My aim for creative work is particularly high. The old stereotyped method of teaching drawing is obsolete and does not lead to a full development of the capabilities in children. Creative Art reduces the child's tendency to become a copyist. It builds within him a more careful observation, a greater imagination, and a sense of security in his own ability. This creativeness should in good time carry over into academic subjects, as well as in daily living, eventually should develop a richer, fuller maturity.

The most serious problem at present is that due to lack of time given to art, particularly in the grades mentioned. The art program if carried out satisfactorily is definitely a full time program. However, work accomplished, compares well with that done in other communities, a fact which proves that much time and careful planning have been spent to secure these results. An Art Exhibition attended in Boston last March proved to me that the children in Hadley compare very favorably with other groups who are allowed more time for the art program, thereby, enabling them to exhibit work completed.

A second problem and need, is a work shop for grades panded. With the increased enrollment, our drawing



seven and eight, where the crafts program may be ex-room space is seriously cramped for satisfactory craft work, particularly the coping saw work for boys.

Interest shown in the art program and the appreciation expressed are particularly gratifying. I wish to thank the Superintendent, School Committee, Principals, teachers, parents, townspeople and children for the many ways in which they have co-operated and assisted in the art work. Without the help of each one, such a program could not have been carried through successfully.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE M. UTLEY

## Report of Regional School District Planning Board

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At a Special Town Meeting, held on June 6, 1951, Hadley voted to create a special unpaid board, to be known as a Regional School District Planning Board.

Mr. John R. Callahan, the Moderator, appointed Edwin M. Podolak, Ernest W. Hibbard and William E. Dwyer as Hadley members of the Board.

There was in existence at the time of the Hadley meeting a Regional School District Planning Board, composed of members from the Towns of Amherst and Pelham. A board was also created at about this time in Leverett.

The Hadley Board met five times in Amherst, for two-hour sessions each, with the boards from Amherst, Pelham and Leverett. The combined boards gave tentative consideration to the financial aspects of a regional school district and the cost to each participating town. They also worked out a draft agreement to be considered by the voters of the participating towns.

The discussions showed a pressing and immediate need in Amherst for an enlarged school plant to handle the groups attending the Junior-Senior High School.

The boards from Amherst and Pelham were of the opinion that, so far as their towns were concerned, the matter should be submitted for acceptance or rejection by the voters not later than November 1, 1951 .

During the joint consideration, and before any final agreement had been drafted, it was the suggestion of Mr.

John Marshall, Chairman of the School Building Assistance Commission at Boston, that it might be better to immediately organize a nuclear regional unit consisting of Amherst and Pelham, as this would expedite the formation of a regional school district which could eventually include neighboring towns in the Amherst-Pelham Area.

Under the circumstances, the boards from Hadley and Leverett had no alternative but to withdraw from further discussions with the Amherst-Pelham group.

The Amherst-Pelham group submitted a report favoring the establishment of a district comprising the towns of Amherst and Pelham. The proposed plan was submitted to the voters of Amherst and Pelham on December 7, 1951. The vote in Amherst was against the establishment of a district and that of Pelham in favor. As the vote must be unanimous the proposed plan will not go into effect.

Sunderland named a board early in October to consider a regional setup, but it has not done anything further on the matter.

Until one or more towns in the area evidence a desire to consider the plan of a regional School District, your committee feels that there is nothing further for them to do.

EDWARD M. PODOLAK  
ERNEST W. HIBBARD  
WILLIAM E. DWYER

# Report of the Secondary School Building Problem Committee

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To the Citizens of Hadley:

This committee was appointed at a special town meeting January 2, 1951. It consists of the Board of Selectmen, School committee, Supt. of Schools, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, Town Treasurer and ten citizens. Its purpose was: "to study and consider our secondary school building problem and make a report at the next Annual Town Meeting." Temporary repairs having alleviated the urgency of action, this committee believed the five weeks time between their formation and the 1951 town meeting was insufficient to allow a comprehensive study and we deferred reporting until a later date.

We met frequently from January 16th, 1951 to January 14th, 1952 except for that period from June 6th to Oct. 18th, 1951 when a special regional school investigating committee held in abeyance any action this committee might take. Mr. Lane of the Mass. Dept. of Public Safety was present at an early meeting. Architects Dingman, Dirks, and Hampson & Fisher were present at other meetings. All of these men helped us immeasurably in answering questions in their respective fields. Sen. Ralph Mahar and Rep. Fletcher Smith also did much to aid the two groups who later visited Mr. John Marshall of the School Building Assistance Commission in Boston.

Mr. John Glavin of the Mass. Dept. of Vocational Education discussed with us the possibility of a vocational course and building in Hadley. He believed any vocational program for Hadley should be agricultural. A separate unit building including shop, laboratory and classroom would cost about \$30,000 with equipment up to \$7,000. The state building assistance commission might help on the cost of construction. Both state and federal funds for equipment and the salary of the instructor is available. The instructor's salary is almost completely reimbursed the first five years and two-thirds of the salary is taken care of from the sixth year on. Massa-

chusetts standards for this type of program are among the highest in the nation.

One of our first steps was to visit newly constructed schools in nearby towns. At our third meeting in February six sub-committees were formed, each delegated to intensive study into one particular solution of the school building problem. This was done so this committee could be sure that even the seemingly less popular choices of action were fully investigated and publicized. Some of these sub-committees made their reports at a poorly attended public meeting April 10th. These same sub-committees' reports follow and should be read by every one interested in the future of Hadley schools and finances.

### SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS OF VARIOUS SOLUTIONS TO OUR BUILDING NEEDS

*The sub-committee on building a new four or six year high school consisted of Mr. Riel, Mr. John Martula who read the first portion of the following report and Mr. Savitt who read the latter portion.*

The members of this committee have had several meetings formally and informally since the time that this group was formed. We have confined our activities to considering the plans for a new school drawn up by Hampson and Fisher architects in 1948. These plans were submitted to the town and rejected at that time, in part, because the townspeople felt them too elaborate and too expensive.

We have confined our activity to this area because we feel the plans mentioned have merit as an educational structure, and also because Hampson and Fisher have cooperated with us to the extent of furnishing revised plans at no further cost to the town.

This committee feels that there are many advantages to solving Hadley's Secondary School Problems by the building of an entirely new school. Among those advantages are the following:

1. The building of a 6 year high school would adequately house our pupils now and in the foreseeable future, eliminating at one time the problem created by the enrollment bulge in grades 7 and 8 and the problem of providing suitable quarters for our high school pupils now housed in the condemned Hopkins Academy.

2. Such a solution would not necessitate the expenditure of considerable money for the repair and renovation of our present high school building—a structure originally designed as a private home and later converted into a school.



3. The revised plans (see attached sketches and diagrams) provided have a well-equipped and constructed school at a cost that is not exorbitant due to the exclusion of a cafeteria, shop, and gymnasium included in the original plans. The architects estimate that the complete cost of building, equipment, site development, and fees, with hip roof will run about \$456,000—with flat roof \$413,000.

4. Last but a very important advantage of this solution is that Hadley will continue to have Hopkins Academy located within its boundaries. Hopkins Academy for years has been the social hub around which the life of Hadley has revolved. Its athletic, dramatic, music and educational activities have provided a constant stimulant to the people of Hadley. To lose such an important part of community life would be a loss that cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

*There is one disadvantage and that is that no state aid is available at this time.*

He then introduced Supt. Savitt for a report on the revised 1948 plans. Supt. Savitt's report is as follows:

Mr. Riel and I were assigned the specific task of revising the plans drawn up by Hampson and Fisher in 1948 in terms of today's educational needs in Hadley. This need not imply that the committee felt that such plans were the only answer in providing a new building for Hadley, but it did provide a means whereby a fairly accurate idea of cost and layout could be secured, without additional expense to the town. No doubt if we had started fresh, a different building entirely might have developed.

In considering educational needs, we took into consideration the ideas that staff members as well as laypeople had expressed on the subject, as well as adding some professional ideas that we thought were a part of the future educational picture in Hadley.

The following were some of the considerations we faced in attempting to revise this specific set of plans.

1. What facilities in the original plans might be cut, or deleted?

The gym, shop, home economic and cafeteria seemed unneeded at the present time.

We felt that the present gymnasium is adequate for Hadley's needs, and that the recently constructed Hooker School cafeteria will provide splendid facilities for years to come. The whole prob-



lem of vocational education is under consideration by the Hadley staff at this time and it is felt that the home making cottage is ideally suited for education along that line for the time being.

2. Should a new school be planned as a 4 or 6 year high school?

A 6 year high school has been seriously considered because we know that the housing problem now existing in our 4 year high school is not the only one that we soon face. Projected enrollment clearly indicates that within 2 years we must provide at least two educational rooms for grades 7 and 8. Present facilities offer no solution in this regard. Furthermore, a 6 year high school would open the possibility of closing our North Hadley school and consolidating all 1 through 4 grades in the recently enlarged Hooker school, with 5 and 6 graders from North Hadley moved into the rooms that would be available in Russell school as the 7 and 8 graders were moved to another building. The closing of the North Hadley school would result in considerable savings relative to maintenance, janitorial duties and staff. Such a 6 year high school would also provide the educational advantage of allowing 7 and 8 graders to share certain specialized facilities, such as the commercial, science, and visual-aid rooms. However, plans for a 4 year high school have also been submitted as there is some feeling from a social standpoint that the mingling of 7 and 8 graders with pupils of high school age might not be in the best interests of all concerned.

3. What type of facilities should be provided?

Certain structural changes would need to be effected by cutting off certain wings of the previously presented building.

We met several times and discussed details of revision with the architects concerned. As a result of these discussions, the revised plans provide adequate housing for a 6 or a 4 year secondary school capable of taking care of the housing needs of Hadley in the foreseeable future and, at the same time, containing those educational facilities so important to a well-rounded secondary school education today. The revised plans have excluded the gymnasium, lunch room, and shop facilities found in the original 1948 plan. The plans for the 6 year school provide for 14 recitation rooms of varying sizes, an audio-visual room, a library, a commercial room, a science room, a conference room, principal's office, two girls' rooms, two boys' room, one men teachers' room and one women teachers' room. These plans accommodate approximately 315 to 330 pupils with over 452 pupil stations.

The plans for the 4 year school provide for 7 class rooms of varying sizes, an audio-visual room, a library, a commercial room, a science room, principal's office, two girls' rooms, two boys' rooms, one men teachers' room, and one women teachers' room. These plans accommodate 200-225 pupils with about 350 pupil stations.

3. What would the approximate cost be for a 6 year and a 4 year plan?

Cost including construction, equipment, site development, architects and other fees.

6 year	\$456,000 hip roof \$413,000 flat roof
4 year	\$400,000 hip roof \$375,000 flat roof

It is suggested that if the town should build a new school that a building committee be set up and that this committee should consider other plans as well as the one recently revised. If the present plans have real merit they should be studied again to see if further improvements could be made. In other words this sub-committee does not mean to imply that the plans presented here tonight are the best plans there could be for a new secondary school. A building committee should spend considerable time in deciding on the final school layout to be presented to the public.

*The sub-committee to investigate sending pupils to another town consisted of Mrs. John Klimoski, Mr. Donald Shipman and Mrs. Edward Banack who read the following report:*

This sub-committee is well aware of the aversion of many citizens towards sending our children out of town for their education even on a temporary basis. We respect their feelings. Our report does not make recommendations but gives you facts as we have found them and we ask that these facts be judged open-mindedly. We met once. The group agreed the ideal solution to our school problem would be building an educationally adequate and structurally sound building. There is a strong conviction among many taxpayers that this is financially impossible at this time. Transporting tuition students, at least on a trial period of from one to five years, seemed worthy of investigation. This solution involves no basic outlay of money as do the alternatives of repairing, building or forming a regional school. It affords a period during which world events may stabilize sufficiently to give us some assurance of our future needs and our ability to meet them.

Acquiring new financial obligations on top of unpaid old ones is not considered good individual practice and in business a substantial working capital is the basis of good management. Without investing any money in a hasty manner we might later regret, transporting our students temporarily to Northampton offers us a breathing spell during which we might dissolve some of our outstanding debts and start a building fund. Our neighboring town of Longmeadow, much more wealthy than Hadley, finds it to their advantage to send their secondary students to the wider scope of the schools of Springfield. The distance involved is equal to that between Northampton and Hadley.

It was agreed to confine our study to Northampton schools. Tuition in Amherst, already overcrowded with their own children, would be \$300 as compared to \$200 in Northampton. Northampton High, built to accommodate one thousand, has less than seven hundred enrolled. Supt. Barry assures us they would welcome our students "for at least ten years and time alone will tell how much longer." Smith School offers splendid vocational courses for boys and girls. St. Michael's will accept any Catholic children who wish to attend their high school. We are fortunate to have such diversified choice so nearby. Northampton High School has been referred to the main committee by state authorities as an outstanding example of modern educational facilities.

Each member of this sub-committee was assigned different work in effecting any possible solution of the disadvantages of transporting children to Northampton. The main items in this category were:

1. Cost of Transportation.
2. Breaking of Tradition.
3. Loss of Individuality.
4. Obligation to the Hopkins Faculty.
5. Adjustment of children to a new school.

1. **COST OF TRANSPORTATION.** Transportation costs would be extremely light as the state refunds all transportation over \$5 per pupil per year. It would seem advisable to charter busses rather than invest in new busses and these charter busses would cost \$150 per week. This is given merely as information as Hadley's expense would be but \$5 per pupil per year.

2. **BREAKING OF TRADITION.** This was very difficult to face. Tradition is intangible and may mean nothing to one person and a great deal to another. We have among us gifted orators who strongly advocate tradition and — send their own children to other

schools. Many have believed Hopkins the second oldest school in the country. We have found nothing to substantiate this. Our source of information was the Forbes Library and the following books:

Early New England Schools—W. H. Small

Historic Hampshire in the Conn. Valley—Clifton Johnson

Public Education in the U. S. A.—E. P. Cutherbay

Handbook of Private Schools—Sargent

The continuity of the school has been broken in the past. On one occasion students were sent to be educated at nearby taverns. It would be safe to assume the established educational institutions of our nearby towns offer a more conservative if not so stimulating solution as the forefathers' idea of the taverns.

3. LOSS OF INDIVIDUALITY. Since class enrollment is limited by state law, our children would receive ample individual attention in any of the classes in the three schools mentioned. As a further means of keeping our identity, Supt. Barry suggested a trustee of Hopkins might present the Hadley graduates with their diplomas from Northampton. The Hopkins teams have always been the community's pride and sports are the chief contact between the school and its alumni. With the aim of keeping Hopkins entity in sports, this sub-committee wrote to the Mass. Secondary School Principals Association and asked if Hopkins might maintain teams in the Hampshire League during a period when the students might be sent out of town on tuition. (Since athletic funds are a separate financial item and athletic programs are carried on after school hours this would not interfere with the school day in Northampton.) The Mass. Sec. School Prin. Assn. will vote on this April 17th.

4. OBLIGATION TO THE FACULTY. Our legal obligation on teachers' contracts would terminate with any closing of Hopkins but we still have a moral obligation to the faculty. It is suggested faculty members on tenure might be offered positions, particularly in the upper grades, in the elementary schools or in specialized work such as physical education, etc. Our school salary schedule is based on equal pay for all grades. The versatility of our teachers is aptly illustrated in the head of the Hopkins commercial department who does a splendid job in this specialized field and did equally fine teaching in the elementary grades in Amherst. The trustees of the Hopkins fund have been asked what action would be taken on the house should it be found necessary to close Hopkins for a period. Mr. Russell assured Mr. Shipman, of this sub-committee, the trustees would cooperate with the townspeople in whatever the



townspeople felt was in their interest. Our inquiry was prompted by the desire to assure the principal of Hopkins his present living quarters. (Note:—The original Hopkins fund was used to support a grammar school so its use is apparently not limited to secondary schools.)

#### 5. ADJUSTMENT OF CHILDREN TO A NEW SCHOOL.

As Hopkins is a smaller school and comparatively poorly equipped, we do not offer our children the wide choice of subjects as does Northampton. In the subjects we do offer, however, our educational standards are rated the same as Northampton—namely A. Therefore, it would not be too difficult for our children to carry on their present schedules and gradually branch out to include the extra educational advantages Northampton offers. With the choice of three different schools each child should be able to find a solution to any adjustments that may arise.

6. ABSENCE OF HADLEY REPRESENTATIVE ON NORTHAMPTON COMMITTEE. We obtained a list of towns sending tuition students to Northampton and picked Chesterfield as a source of information on treatment accorded children and parents. The principal of Chesterfield grammar school was fervent in her own approval of Northampton and reported unanimously favorable comments from parents and teachers she contacted for us. Many Chesterfield residents by-pass the closer small school at Williamsburg as they feel Northampton offers so much more. "Treated as a regular member," "Chesterfield teachers and parents expressed the wish Northampton High was a regional school for this area," are direct quotations from the principal's letter. From this, we concluded our children and their problems would received fair and impartial treatment from the Northampton school authorities notwithstanding the fact we would not have an elected representative on their school board.

Hadley has reason to be proud of many graduates of Hopkins. Many of the quoted examples of Hopkins achievement were graduated over twenty-five years ago and with the purpose of obtaining a clear picture of the achievements of the classes of today the Iowa tests established in the schools in 1944 were used. (For those of you who are not familiar with these tests, I must stress those are not intelligence tests but tests of achievement or the ability to put to use one's knowledge.) The class of 1951, our present seniors, had as their junior class average in these tests the astounding figure of 13.2. The national AVERAGE is established at 50 percentile and the national LOW at 3. In other words, this class was but 10 points removed from the national LOW and 37 points lower than

the national AVERAGE. As an example of the results of the educational facilities at Hopkins I offer you these figures on an entire class rather than the accomplishments of any one or two gifted individuals.

The additional educational advantages, particularly at Northampton High, are outstanding. The well stocked library within the school, the debating room, the well-equipped science laboratories, little theatre, music rooms, gymnasium and auditorium furnish wonderfully suggestive environment for modern education. Two registered nurses are on duty, job counseling is offered. A good physical education program is in effect (Hopkins has none). Speaking-voice instructions weekly are mandatory for all. A compulsory shop course for freshman boys shows if the boy is adapted to mechanics rather than academic work. If so, he may easily transfer to Smith.

The financial aspects are as follows: We now spend \$269.11 per pupil per year at Hopkins. The tuition at Northampton High is \$200 plus \$5 for transportation or a saving of \$64 per year per pupil. Smith School tuition is \$175, one-half of which is refunded by the state, making the tuition cost Hadley \$88 plus \$5 transportation or an annual saving of \$178 per pupil. St. Michael's tuition is \$3. per month, or a saving of \$234 per pupil per year. Based on the assumption 50% might attend Northampton High, 40% Smith Vocational, and 10% St. Michael's, our saving next year would be \$12,580 *on our present cost*. Should we obligate ourselves with major repairs or building, our present cost would be greatly increased. As our enrollment increases, so will our savings. In our peak enrollment years predicted for 1958-59-60, our saving each year would be over \$25,000. This could be applied to a building fund. *Smith & Vogel*

The cost of education, even without major building projects, is steadily rising. Can we, a town of 3,000 persons of middle or lower income, afford to keep a high school that is of high enough caliber to have its graduates meet the competition of the education being offered all around us? The world will not judge our children or reward them on the basis of tradition, the old school spirit, or even their athletic powers. Rather it will grade them on their ability to speak effectively, read, write, and deal socially with their fellow men. We *owe* our children full educational facilities to obtain this end. If we cannot afford them within our own boundaries, there is offered to us, at a financial gain, the diversified and outstandingly excellent facilities of our neighbor, Northampton.



*The sub-committee reporting on using a portion of the present building with a small separate structure that could be expanded in the future consisted of Mrs. Hahn, Mr. Barstow, Mr. Riel, Mr. Chmura, Mr. West, Mr. Savitt and Miss Ellen Callahan who read the following:*

This committee studied the plans submitted by a previous committee to the town in 1946. Our purpose was to find out if certain blocks of these plans could be constructed for an amount within the financial capacity of the town. After consultation with Mr. Hampson and Mr. Fisher from Pittsfield, we found that these plans could be cut to meet various needs and expenditures. Our work up to this point served as a basis and inspiration for the work of the committee considering construction of a new school building.

Recognizing the need of curriculum expansion the committee has considered the possibility of a small building on the Hopkins Academy grounds that would be suitable for vocational agriculture and related mechanical subjects.

Recognizing the need of curriculum expansion, the committee adaptable for one hundred and fifty students at an estimated cost of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000). This figure is based on estimates submitted to the town by the school department at a special meeting in 1950, with the subtraction of costs of permanent repairs already done.

A second possibility is the construction of a small building that could be expanded. The cost of such a building would be much lower than the cost of a new building adequate to care for all classes.

*The sub-committee to investigate regional school consisted of Mrs. Kentfield, Mr. Jekanoski, Mr. Waskiewicz and Mr. Edwin Podolak who gave the following report:*

"Before I give you a summary of the information this Committee has gathered on the establishment of a regional school, I want to say that we have endeavored not to inject any personal opinions into this report.

"Of the four proposed solutions being submitted this evening, the one I am going to outline briefly, concerns the establishment of a Regional School District comprising the Towns of Hadley, Amherst and Pelham.

First, I would like to tell you the way a Regional School is organized—the preliminary steps which a town must take—and then the advantages and disadvantages of such a system.

The law, encouraging the establishment of Regional Schools, states that two or more towns may get together and form a Regional School. But, before a Regional School is established, the following procedure must be followed: A special town meeting must be called at which time the people vote to create a special unpaid board to be known as the Regional School District Planning Board. The moderator appoints three as members of this board—one of the members to be a member of the school committee. I wish to emphasize at this point that the creation of a planning board under the vote at such special town meeting does not commit the town in any way. This board merely makes a study of the problems concerned with the organization, operation, financing and control of such a proposed school.

The Regional District Planning Board, consisting of three members from each town, submits its findings and recommendations, along with a proposed agreement to the Selectmen of the several towns.

The selectmen then direct the town clerk to place the question of accepting the provision calling for a Regional School on the ballot.

The next step is to submit the proposition to the townspeople for a vote. The people of the respective towns can either accept or reject the set-up as presented by this board. In the event one town rejects the proposed plan, the other two towns will have to make a new start. If two towns reject the plan, the other town is left to swim by itself.

However, once a town votes to accept the plan, it is bound and can get out of the District only by paying its entire share of the original cost of construction and equipment.

The proposed plan, which I mentioned is drawn up by the 9 members of the planning board. It encompasses the method of financing the project, the site of the building, representation on the District School Committee, transportation, etc.

Once the town has accepted membership in a Regional District it still has a voice in the method of financing the project.

And now a word about the advantages and disadvantages of a Regional School. The ADVANTAGES: 1. *Possible financial economy for the towns of the district.* 2. *Over-all operating efficiency due to a consolidation of small individual units.* 3. *A more varied program for the pupils.* Were Hadley, Amherst and Pelham to unite, state aid would be forthcoming to the extent of 43%. An-

herst, entitled to 29% on an individual basis would gain about 14%, whereas Hadley's gain would be negligible. But, the chairman of the School Building Assistance Commission has refused state aid to this town in the event we build an individual school. And so, though we are entitled to about 40% according to the formula used by the state, we may not get a cent unless we direct our efforts in the direction of a Regional School.

If we did go on a regional basis, it has been estimated that our proportionate cost would be around \$300,000—\$350,000. The second advantage speaks for itself. Whenever you have a consolidation of small units into one vast program, overall efficiency should be the natural result. It must be remembered that the converse is also true. If you save when consolidation takes place, the separation of one system into two units creates more expense. The third advantage is also obvious. Where two or more towns get together, they can expend a larger sum of money in order to provide a diversified program for the children. Consolidation of classes will permit the introduction of vocational training, commercial courses, college preparatory courses, etc.

The *DISADVANTAGES*: 1. *Transportation problems.* 2. *Loss of autonomous control over our schools.* 3. *The operation of two separate systems.* 4. *The loss of individuality of school spirit and of the time-worn traditions of Hopkins Academy.* Transportation of the pupils to a school in Amherst would bring about many problems — especially in the transportation of pupils to the evening functions that would be held at the regional school. Hadley could no longer have the sole voice in the administration of school policies. Rumor has it that Amherst would dislike dilution of control even in this ratio: Hadley, 3—Amherst, 5—Pelham, 3—on the Regional School District Committee. I have previously mentioned the increase in the cost of maintaining two school systems—the grammar schools and the proportionate part of the Regional School.

Since all of you are well acquainted with the spirit and traditions of Hopkins Academy, its academic and athletic functions, the Lane Prize Speaking Contests and the O'Brien Debates of the past and present, it bears mention at this time that all of these will give "way under a system which calls for the consolidation of schools into one large unit."

Our first inquiries on possible state aid in building were made March 5th, 1951 and were answered by Mr. Marshall's "strongly urging" the formation of a regional school planning committee. At a special town meeting June 6th Hadley voted to create such a

board to work with similar groups then active in Amherst, Pelham and Leverett. About this time Mr. Lane of the Dept. of Public Safety extended the permit on Hopkins from July 1951 to March 1952 allowing time to investigate this consolidation suggested by Mr. Marshall. An interim report from this Regional School District Planning Board October 18th indicated regional planning was stalemated and could be eliminated as a current answer to our school building problem.

January 9th, 1952 we requested a written statement from Mr. Lane on the present condition of Hopkins Academy. This statement is as follows:

To: Mr. John Martula, Chairman School Committee  
Hadley, Massachusetts

Subject: Hopkins Academy

1. Your attention is respectfully called to a letter sent Nov. 20, 1950, pointing out that the certificate of inspection issued by this office would not be renewed until certain repairs were made to bring the building up to the requirements of the law.
2. The concluding paragraph of that letter, gave the policy of the Dept. of Public Safety, which is to allow sufficient time to bring a building up to requirements of the law. Since then temporary repairs were made which only justified the issuing of the certificate for a three month period with the understanding that all the repairs would be made to the building.
3. It is my opinion that a "reasonable length of time" has been allowed and some definite action should be taken to complete the requirements outlined in my orders sent Nov. 20, 1950. Your cooperation in this matter is respectfully requested.

(Signed) James J. Lane

State Building Inspector  
Division of Inspections  
Dept. of Public Safety

January 11th, 1952 a group again consulted Mr. Marshall in Boston relative to possible state aid in building. He commended Hadley for investigating the regional school and said it was not the policy of his department to leave a town with no alternative. He would not commit himself on whether or not state aid would be forthcoming for a secondary school, but did suggest that to keep the matter moving, Hadley voters might be provided with an opportunity to express their opinion for or against a secondary school



at the coming town meeting with the proviso that no money be expended until state aid was assured.

At the final meeting held on January 15th, 1952 this committee took a separate vote on each of possible choices of action as follows:

- a. Major and permanent repairs to present Hopkins building.  
(Unanimously No.) No Agree
- b. Major and permanent repairs to present Hopkins building plus the building a small separate vocational structure.  
(Unanimously No.) No Agree
- c. Major and permanent repairs to present Hopkins building plus the building of a small secondary school building that could be expanded in years to come.  
(7 Yes. 9 No.) No Agree 927
- d. Construction of a new four year high school with state aid.  
(8 Yes. 8 No.) Tie 858 No
- e. Construction of a new six year high school with state aid.  
(7 Yes. 9 No.) No 927 Yes
- f. Sending pupils to Northampton as tuition pupils.  
(No votes for. Several votes against. Several abstained from voting.) No Consider

Having foremost in their minds Mr. Lane's request for definite action and Mr. Marshall's suggestion that Hadley voters be provided with an opportunity to express their opinion for or against a secondary school the committee agreed to the following recommendation:

"It is recommended that a school building committee of 5 be appointed by the Town Moderator to draw up preliminary plans for a secondary school in Hadley and present these plans for approval before the town at the first practical moment, and that a sum of money be raised and appropriated for the use of this committee, provided that no portion of this money be expended until such time as state aid for school construction, under Chapter 645 of the General Laws, 1948 as amended, be assured for such a secondary school in Hadley."

This recommendation in legal form is contained as an article in this warrant.

During the entire year of study this committee has made through the medium of the public press and open meetings, a sincere effort to keep the public well informed of our actions and progress at

all times. It is hoped that the information contained in this report will help the Hadley voters to reach a far-sighted conclusion on this school problem so vital to the future of our community.

Members of the committee:

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